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PDI N. Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—A thief in the night or a heroic protester? An unidentified

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Showdown on power bill

GMA dialogues with groups opposing the controversial measure

BY JULIET L. JAVELLANA
AND ANDREA T. ECHAVEZ

AFTER the bloody May 1 riots and divisive May 14 elections, President Macapagal-Arroyo faces another major battle—the passage of the controversial power reform bill.

This time, however, Ms Macapagal's fledgling administration finds itself ranged against groups that supported her rise to the presidency during Edsa People Power II in January and allies of ousted leader Joseph Estrada who staged the so-called "Edsa Tres" in April.

The bill, pending in Congress for the past six years, is aimed at privatizing the debt-laden National Power Corp. and restructuring the power industry to bring down lower power rates, among the highest in the region. *(See sidebar on this page.)*

Ms Macapagal, who is bent on having the bill passed during a special session of Congress on May 28-31, said she was planning to hold dialogues with the opposition to explain the wisdom of the Palace-sponsored measure.

In television ads, Ms Macapagal said the bill's passage would mean lower electricity rates for consumers, adding the high power cost in the country was one of the causes of poverty.

On Friday, she met for two hours with 20 representatives of nongovernment organizations as well as groups affiliated with the Church and the Left.

These groups, which formed the backbone of Edsa II, said the bill's approval would only favor certain business groups, burden consumers and result in mass layoffs in the power industry.

They have threatened to hold protest actions outside Congress during the four-day special session.

"We studied this power bill and we're hoping civil society would realize that this is something the country needs," presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said.

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Main points of power bill

ENERGY Secretary Jose Camacho yesterday outlined the main points of the newest version of the power reform bill that was likely to emerge from debates in Congress this week.

✧ The debt-laden government firm National Power Corp., which owns most of the country's power generating plants and transmission lines, will be sold to the private sector.

✧ Napocor's contracts with so-called independent power producers (IPP), which sell all their power to the state firm, will be reviewed.

✧ Of Napocor's total assets with an estimated value of about $4.5-$5 billion, its generation companies will be divided into six groups and sold off mainly to foreign investors in about 15-18 months.

✧ Napocor has a total debt of $6.7 billion and is nominally about 90 percent leveraged. Its debts, to be transferred to a special purpose company, will be repaid by proceeds from the sale of Napocor assets. The government has provisions to shoulder up to P200 billion worth of stranded debt, referring to Napocor's remaining debt after its assets have been sold.

✧ Consumers will shoulder losses from IPP contracts estimated to be 25-30 centavos per kilowatt-hour. However, residential customers will receive a mandatory 30-centavos/kwh rate cut.

✧ The local power industry is currently comprised of two sectors: generation and distribution. Following the bill's approval, the industry will be broken up into four sectors: generation, transmission, distribution and supply/retail.

✧ The generation and supply/retail sectors will be open to competition to both domestic and foreign companies.

✧ Transmission will likely continue to be a monopoly but a private group will be asked to operate it under a concession agreement. The group, however, will be regulated by a government-commissioned body. Distribution will also likely be a monopoly, but regulated by the same body.

✧ There is no cross-ownership ban in the bill, but dealings between distributors and generators will be limited. Dealings between companies of the same group will likely be capped at around 50 percent. Distributors will be forced to purchase at least 10 percent of their power supply from the spot market.

✧ There will be caps on the market share of generators at 30 percent per grid and 25 percent nationwide.

✧ Regional electric cooperatives involved, in distribution will be given a five-year grace period before the sector is opened to competition. *Reuters*

'LAGING HANDA'

President Macapagal-Arroyo takes her oath as the country's chief Girl Scout during investiture ceremonies on Saturday at Heroes Hall in Malacañang. The last President accorded the title was Corazon Aquino.

JOAN BONDOC

Recto slides to 13th from 10th place

BY NORMAN BORDADORA

THE COMMISSION on Elections yesterday said it would proclaim the top eight senatorial candidates tomorrow or Tuesday.

Amid accusations from the opposition Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino-Puwersa ng Masa that the People Power Coalition is pulling out all the stops to have its candidate Ralph Recto included in the "Magic 13," Recto has slid from the 10th to the 13th spot and is in danger of being overtaken by the LDP-PnM's Juan Ponce Enrile.

LDP-PnM candidates Edgardo Angara, Panfilo Lacson, Luisa Ejercito and Gregorio Honasan staged a big comeback in the four certificates of canvass (COCs) read and tabulated yesterday by the National Board of Canvassers (NBC) at the tightly guarded Philippine International Convention Center.

While Angara maintained his footing on the 9th spot, the votes for Lacson, Ejercito and Honasan pushed Recto down to No. 13.

The unaudited partial total of election results as of 5:30 p.m. showed Recto garnering a total of 8,336,765 votes.

But Enrile, at No. 14, got a total of 7,880,821 votes, and was just 455,944 votes away from Recto.

The reelectionist senator had earlier boasted that he was sure of landing within the top 10 spots when the remaining COCs from vote-rich Mindanao, particularly the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, had been read and tabulated.

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8	PANGILINAN	8,826,099
9	ANGARA	8,809,195
10	LACSON	8,582,673
11	EJERCITO	8,569,414
12	HONASAN	8,550,950
13	RECTO	8,336,765
14	ENRILE	7,880,821
15	SANTIAGO	7,834,517
16	PUNO	7,019,727
17	TAÑADA	6,514,016
18	MERCADO	6,398,566
19	PAGDANGANAN	5,715,503
20	HERRERA	5,301,247
21	MONSOD	5,244,595
22	MADRIGAL	4,067,250
23	RASUL	3,945,632
24	CHATO	3,774,869
25	YASAY	3,763,393

Teachers promised early bonus

BY CARLA P. GOMEZ
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—Good news for both public school teachers and students.

Education Secretary Raul Roco announced here a raft of new benefits for teachers that include the immediate release of their mid-year bonuses, a P1,000 increase in their clothing allowance and a reduction in interest payments for salary loans.

Roco also announced that all elementary and secondary students would be accepted for enrollment even if their parents could not afford to pay the cash donation traditionally charged by public schools.

The announcements were made on Friday during Roco's dialogue yesterday with at least 2,000 public school teachers at the Rizal Elementary School here.

Roco told the teachers that he had ordered the immediate release of their mid-year bonuses.

He added that President Gloria

TEACHERS/ A20

Hansenites set standards of public service

TALA HIGH SCHOOL

UNSUNG AND UNHERALDED: These public schoolteachers have refused to let their affliction get in the way of devotion to duty.

EDWIN BACASMAS

BY BLANCHE S. RIVERA
AND VOLT CONTRERAS

LIKE her peers at the Tala High School in Caloocan City, teacher Lolita Cabanilla has rendered poll duty since 1986 despite being afflicted with leprosy.

Cabanilla walks on a prosthetic leg, and her hands are partly deformed, but her deteriorating condition has not stopped her from serving as poll watcher and canvasser.

Through the years she and her fellow Hansenites have not complained—until now.

HANSENITES/ A20

BA'T BA HINDI MASUGPO ANG MGA KILABOT NA YAN?

Bandits hijack Basilan ferry

BASILAN—Armed men who hijacked a ferry with 42 persons on board Thursday released all the passengers Friday but kept the four crewmen as hostages, the military reported.

The gang on five speedboats surrounded the ferry as it plied the small islands around Basilan province, said Col. Juvenal Narcise, area military commander.

He said the gang released the 38 passengers before midnight Friday but kept the captain and three crew members who were from nearby Tapiantana island.

Basilan police chief Candido Casimiro said the pirates robbed the passengers, even taking their clothes and shoes, before bringing to them Patah island south of Basilan where they were released the following day.

Police said the abductors were likely members of the Abu Sayyaf, a small extremist insurgent group that claims to be fighting for an independent Islamic state in Mindanao.

Police believe the same gang had engaged a militia group from Tapiantana in a two-hour firefight on April 24, which resulted in the deaths of 19 persons. The military did not say how many were slain on each side.

"The people who captured the boat owner apparently have some kind of feud going with Tapiantana residents," Narcise said.

He said the military is searching the area for the hostages.

The abduction took place Thursday afternoon but was only reported late Friday because the captured boat, like most of the transport plying the local islands, had no radio or navigation equipment.

Usual suspects

The latest incident came on the heels of last Tuesday's assault on the exclusive Barcelo Pearl Farm on Samal Island in Davao del Sur by dozens of men armed with assault rifles and rocket launchers.

Security guards fought the attackers off but not before two resort workers were killed and three security guards wounded. The gunmen also took four hostages as they escaped.

Investigators said they suspected Abu Sayyaf guerrillas in the attack.

Military pursuit of the gunmen resulted in the evacuation of residents from the hinterland villages around Malita, Davao del Sur, where the bandits are believed to be hiding.

Davao del Sur board member Alberto Baliota said the number of evacuees from Barangays Bito, Ticolon and Mana is rising with some 275 families known to have fled their homes.

Ali Bangsa Colina, another board member, said the number of evacuees may rise further after the fleeing bandits split into two groups.

One group was spotted in Sitio Pamungot, Barangay Talagotong in Don Marcelino Friday evening. The other was still in Malita as of yesterday morning, he said.

Colina said information reaching him indicated the second group later went to Talagotong while about half of the men remained at Mt. Cabal, the site of a clash Friday where two soldiers were killed and another was wounded.

Red tape

Police said five bandits were killed in that clash.

The evacuees, meantime, have started complaining about the slow arrival of relief goods.

Davao del Sur Gov. Rogelio Llanos on Friday ordered residents in the affected areas to leave their homes to give way to the military operations.

Colina said relief rations from the provincial government arrived late. He blamed bureaucratic red tape but said the local government of Malita had provided rice in limited volumes.

There are at least three evacuation centers in Malita, two of them in public elementary schools in Barangays Ticolon and Mana. Some of the evacuees are housed in the municipal gym in the town center.

As this developed, Island Garden City of Samal Mayor Rogelio Antalan urged police to provide civilian volunteers in his city's 46 barangays with firearms.

Antalan said civilian volunteers failed to catch the Pearl Farm assailants for lack of weapons.

He said the suspects, before leaving for Malita, landed at Barangay Dadatan, some seven kilometers from Pearl Farm, and stayed there for five hours.

The armed men were forced to land at the village because their boat was riddled with bullets. They left on a 50-seat pumpboat, which they took from a local resident. *Allan A. Nawal with reports from Jowel F. Canuday, PDI Mindanao Bureau, AP and AFP*

MISUARI

Leaders deny split in MNLF despite ouster of Nur Misuari

THE CENTRAL committee of the Moro National Liberation Front yesterday denied the rebel group is being threatened with a split following the ouster of its longtime chair, Nur Misuari.

The committee would like to have Misuari's status as the representative of the Bangsamoro people here and abroad, particularly in the influential Organization of Islamic Conference, withdrawn.

In a press conference in Makati yesterday, Dr. Parouk Hussin, the MNLF's foreign affairs officer, said MNLF members wanted to "move forward" without Misuari whom they accused of failing to "perform his functions fully and correctly" as the MNLF chair.

But Misuari's contributions were still appreciated, hence his elevation to the honorary post of chairman emeritus, said Hussin.

According to Hussin, there was need to clarify the issue as people in Mindanao were confused as to whether Misuari has relinquished his chairmanship of the MNLF.

Asked if Misuari's refusal to accept the committee's decision could mean a split in the MNLF, Hussin said he was optimistic that he would accept it, "being a mature person."

"It does not matter whether he accepts it or not. Misuari is not the MNLF and MNLF is not Misuari," he said.

Two days after his ouster, Misuari made a public declaration that the MNLF wanted independence for Muslim Mindanao.

Hussin said Misuari's independence declaration was "ill-advised" and violated the Constitution and the peace agreement between the MNLF and the government.

The MNLF central committee has already informed the Department of Foreign Affairs, members of the diplomatic corps and the OIC about the change in the MNLF leadership, said Hussin.

They would like to have Misuari's invitation to attend the OIC meeting in Mali, Western Africa, from Juhe 26 to 29 recalled. *Cynthia D. Balana*

6 die in Basilan capitol shootout

ISABELA CITY, Basilan—Six people, including an 8-year old girl, were killed while four others were wounded in a shootout involving policemen and soldiers near the capitol building here on Friday afternoon.

Isabela police chief Supt. Bensali Jabarani said armed men had attacked a soldier in a failed robbery attempt. In the ensuing shootout, the soldier, a Moro National Liberation Front integree assigned at the 18th Infantry Battalion, and two policemen who came to the rescue were killed.

Most of the civilians who were killed were passengers of a minicab that was caught in the crossfire.

"There's a big possibility that the armed men were targeting the firearm of the soldier," Jabarani said.

Police identified those killed as Haifa Salapuddin, 8, grandniece of Basilan Rep. Jerry Salapuddin; Esteban Gaan, 33, an employee of the Commission on Elections provincial office; Teng Sakam, a bystander; SPO1 Yusop Hussein, of the 909th Police Provincial Group (PMG); Pfc. Abdulasi Asamula, the MNLF integree; and PO1 Abdulhasan Ubara, also assigned with the 909th PMG.

Wounded were Randy Lim, Vilma Asmawil, Munira Hamsan and Jamil Amman, all employees at Salapuddin's congressional office.

Jabarani said Asamula was walking on the road when unidentified armed men on a motorcycle fired at him. The MNLF integree then allegedly fired at his attackers, hitting another motorcycle and the minicab.

The minicab driver, Abdullah Jamil, said he earlier saw Asamula walking along the Aguada bridge "as if waiting for somebody to pass."

Jamil said Asamula than fired at Gaan, who was on a motorcycle.

He said Asamula also fired at his minicab, killing the young Salapuddin.

SPO1 Hussein immediately responded and shot Asamula. Another policeman, PO1 Ubura, also came to the rescue but was shot and killed.

Rep. Salapuddin asked the military and police to investigate the incident.

He declined to say if the incident was politically motivated or if it had anything to do with the ongoing vote canvassing at the provincial capitol. *Jonathan F. Ma, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Give Gloria a chance–Pimentel

By Armand N. Nocum

SENATE President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. wants so-called civil society to give President Macapagal-Arroyo some elbow room in dealing with the prickly issue of where to detain ousted President Joseph Estrada.

Although the Sandiganbayan has the final say on Estrada's detention, Pimentel said civil society—so-called because it represents progressive civic and civilian groups—seems to be putting too much pressure on the President. These groups have claimed credit for helping to install Ms Macapagal in Malacañang.

"People should understand the President's predicament. Where to put Estrada . . . is being discussed in the Sandiganbayan," Pimentel said.

PIMENTEL

A bit jealous

He said it was not right for civil society to accuse the President of turning soft on Estrada because Ms Macapagal is working to balance the interests of the pro- and anti-Estrada forces.

"Civil society is a bit jealous. They are alarmed that she is softening, but she is not. She is looking at all options so there would be peace and stability in the country," Pimentel said.

The Senate president warned that it might not be practical for the President to turn a deaf ear to supporters of Estrada. He said this is what happened during Estrada's arrest in late April.

"See what happened when Estrada was arrested during the campaign period—we ended up giving ammunition to the (opposition) to hit the (People Power Coalition)," he said. "There was a backlash on our candidates."

In the May 14 elections, at least four of the 13 opposition senatorial candidates identified with Estrada appeared headed for victory.

Earlier, Pimentel revealed that the question of where to jail Estrada turned up the heat at a meeting of the National Security Council on the eve of the attack on the Palace last May 1.

Bordering on the uncivil

He said the actions at the meeting of certain Cabinet members who represent civil society were "bordering on the uncivil."

Pimentel declined to name the officials, but an INQUIRER source identified one of them as Presidential Management Staff chief Vicky Garchitorena.

Pimentel said the officials argued heatedly against going easy on Estrada, lest Ms Macapagal be forced to reckon with the wrath of the civil society.

"They were always saying that," he said.

He said it was time the group left it to the President to find a solution to the Estrada problem in a "just and fair manner."

Samar poll execs deny fraud raps

ELECTION officials accused of committing fraud during the polls in San Isidro, Northern Samar, have claimed that local administration candidates had made up the charges against them out of desperation.

The three-member municipal board of canvassers (MBC) shrugged off the videotaped evidence presented by the People Power Coalition.

Election officer Juchita Collamar-Sy, the MBC chair, said they were aware that someone was taking a video of them during the canvassing of votes inside the San Isidro session hall on May 17 and had even allowed it since "we were not doing anything wrong."

"This is the move of a very desperate man," said Sy, referring to Lakas-People Power Coalition mayoral bet Merlo Tan who lost to Ferdinand Avila of the Liberal Party.

Sy, with municipal treasurer Gilda Bulalaque and DECS district supervisor Eugenio Jumadiao, MBC vice-chair and secretary, respectively, were presented to the media yesterday by Northern Samar governor-elect Raul Daza.

The three denied having allegedly conspired with some 30 other people to tamper with the election results.

They also denied having seen Daza and another winning LP candidate, reelectionist Rep. Harlin Abayon.

Also present at the news conference were Avila, municipal budget officer Fe Sola and town resident Enrique Palop, Jr., all of whom were caught on video.

PPC regional coordinator Emil Ong claimed the two-hour videotape showed a conspiracy among 37 people inside the session hall to cheat the administration candidates.

Sy said she and other election officials could not have tampered with the election returns as the representatives of the political parties Lakas, LDP and LP had already seen the precinct results. *Dona Z. Pazzibugan*

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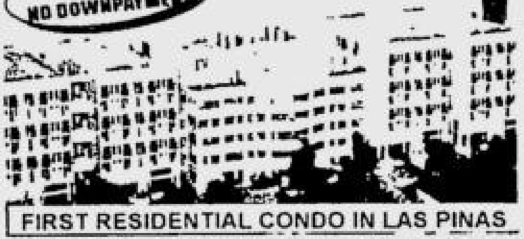

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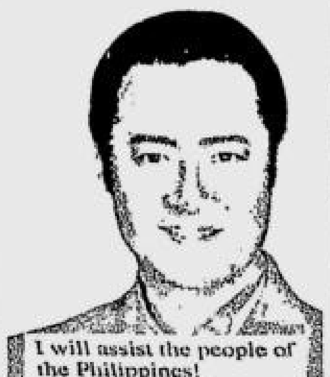

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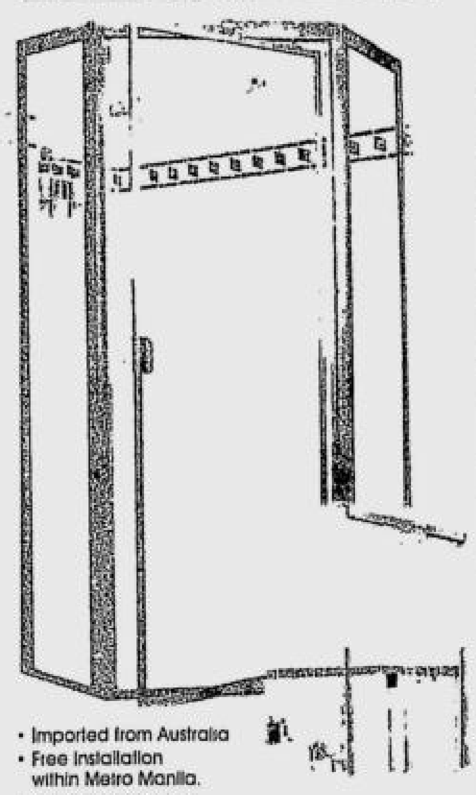

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Chopper crash further cripples Air Force fleet

By TJ Burgonio

THE CRASH of a Sikorsky S-76 helicopter that killed seven airmen last week in Puerto Princesa is a big loss for the already depleted fleet of the Philippine Air Force.

The crash, according to Lt. Gen. Benjamin Defensor, commanding general of the Air Force, has left the Air Force with only 70 planes and helicopters, including one Sikorsky chopper, in good flying condition.

The ill-fated helicopter was one of two operational Sikorskys in the Air Force when it crashed on May 18. It got entangled with trees as it tried to fly out the bodies of six passengers of a Bell-107 helicopter that crashed there earlier.

Among those killed in the first crash was Lualhati Reyes, mother of Palawan Gov. Joel Reyes.

Still in flying condition in the Air Force fleet are other types of helicopters, trainers, fighters and attack aircraft, among others. Based on its recent inventory, the Air Force has a total of 130 aircraft.

Defensor said that even the old Fokker F-28 presidential plane was not in good condition but added this was now undergoing maintenance check in Europe so it could be used by President Macapagal in her sorties in the countryside.

"It will be as good as new once the maintenance check is completed," he said.

So far, Ms Macapagal has turned down Defensor's proposal to acquire a new presidential plane for her own safety. Since assuming office, she has been chartering an executive Learjet for her provincial trips.

With its considerably small fleet, the Air Force might be forced to limit its flight missions and reduce its annual 40,000 flying hours by 40 percent, Defensor told a press forum at the Air Force headquarters in Villamor Air Base.

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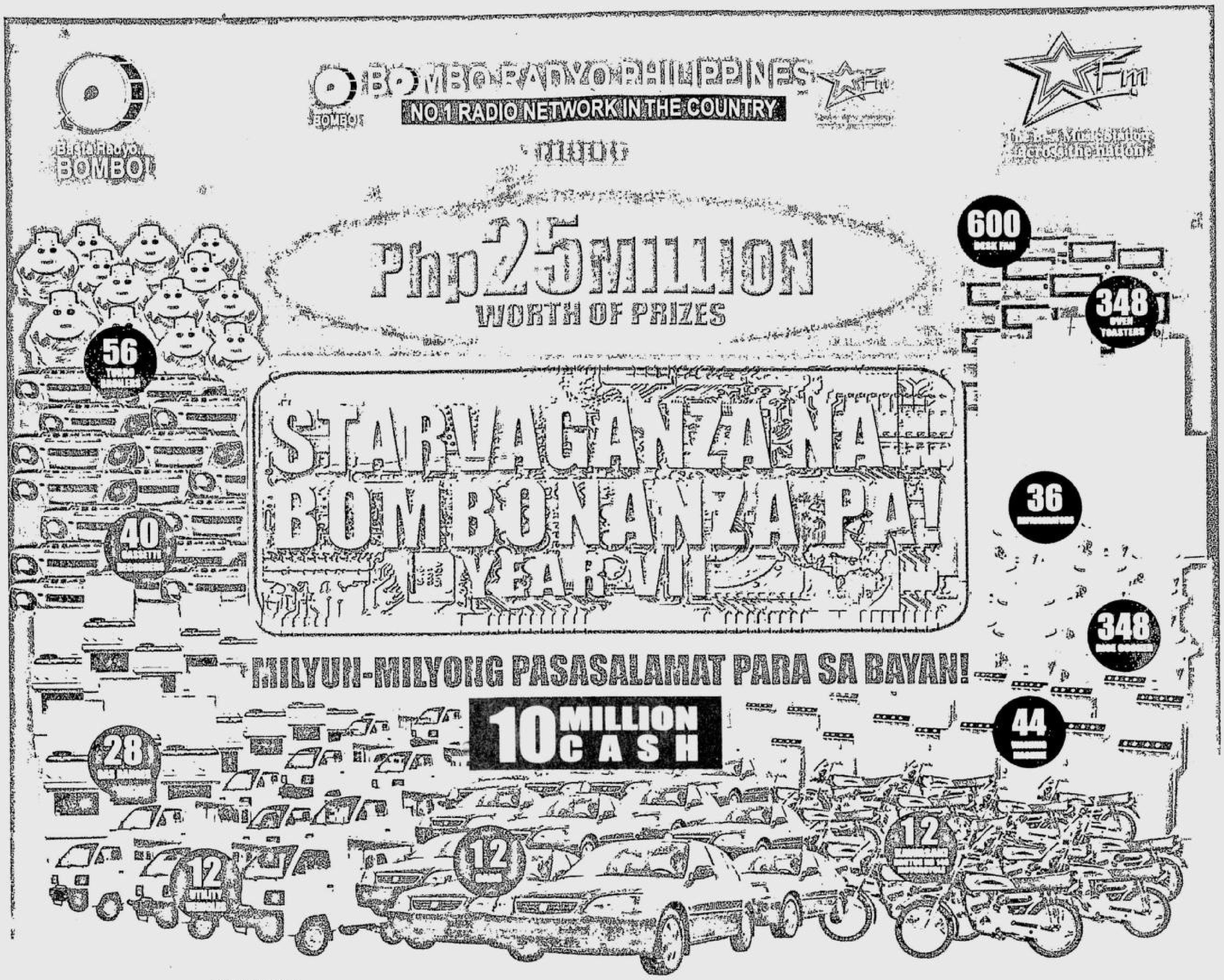

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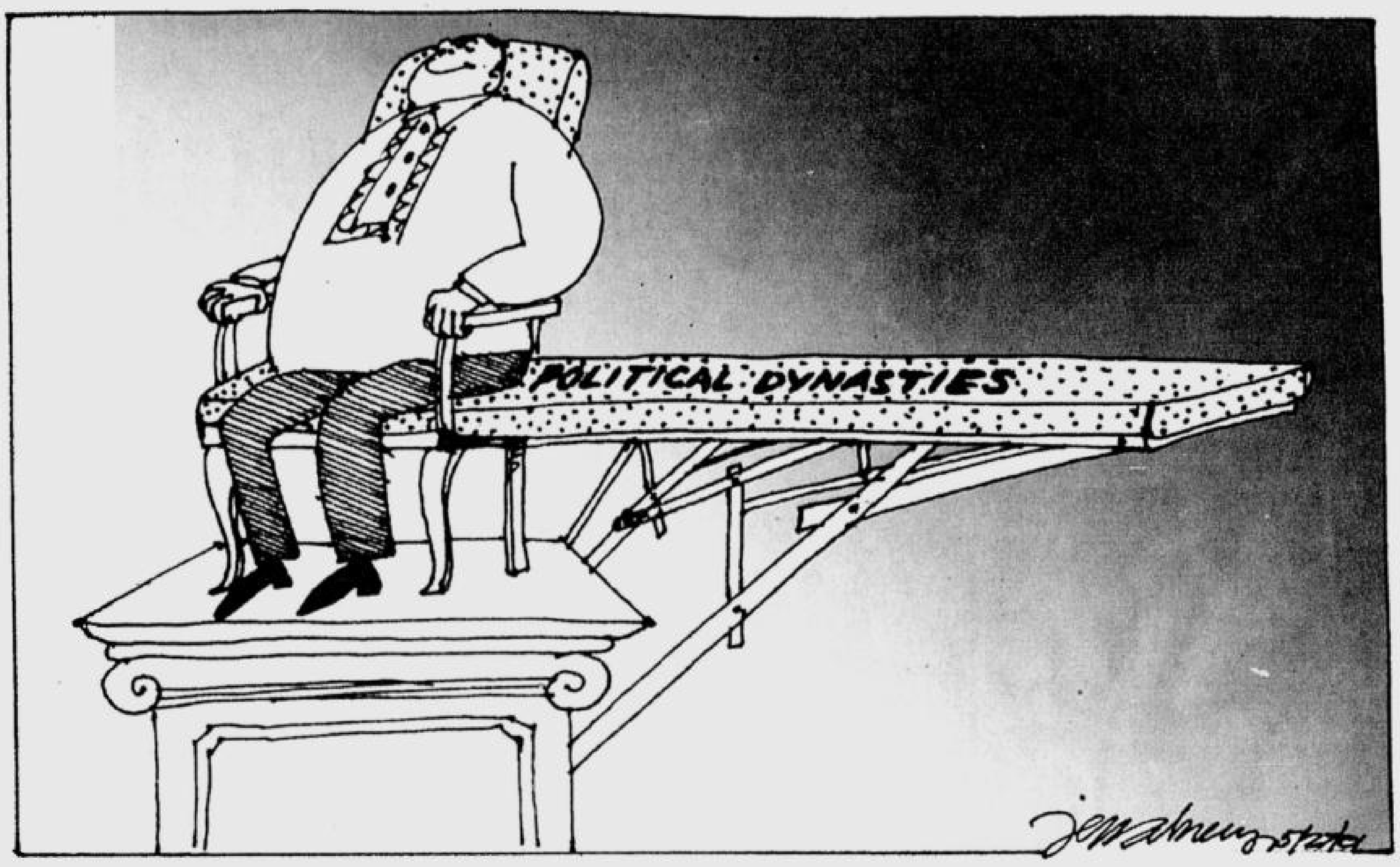

EDITORIALS

Dynasty

NOT only was the 2001 election the bloodiest, the dirtiest and the most chaotic in recent memory. It also occasioned the most blatant display of dynasty building.

In many contests for local and congressional posts, candidates ran to succeed relatives who were only too eager to step down and give way to their bloodline. Consider the Osmeñas of Cebu, the Romualdezes of Leyte, the Josons of Nueva Ecija, the Ortegas of La Union, the Singsons of Ilocos Sur and the Dys of Isabela. In some freak contests, relatives battled for the same positions, making public office some form of a private demesne and an arena for their shameless family feud, like the Loretos of Leyte.

You would think that dynasty building is a creature of the feudal era that is germane to provinces where pre-modern societies still thrive. But look around Metro Manila and its environs. In Manila, the incumbent mayor's son ran for councilor on the strength of his father's name and his dubious record as a fitness buff and party animal. In the second district, Pablo Ocampo Jr. ran for the congressional post vacated by his daughter, Sandra Ocampo, who finished her third and last term. She herself had won the same seat in 1992 when her father vacated it. This time, the elder Ocampo lost to wheeling-and-dealing Estrada crony Mark Jimenez, an instance in which a political dynasty was extinguished by sheer money power.

In Quezon City, outgoing Mayor Ismael Mathay, he of the Ozone fiery fame and the Payatas pandemonium, sought to extend the lease on his expiring political life by running for Congress and lost. His son, a councilor, ran for Congress in another district and won, hardly erasing the bad taste left in the mouth by their shameless attempts at dynastic erection.

In Makati, Jejomar Binay succeeded his wife as mayor. His wife had successfully ran three years ago to replace him because he was barred from seeking a fourth consecutive term. As if that wasn't shameless enough, his son also ran for councilor this year and won. People need not look closer into the political crystal ball whom the elder Binay will anoint to succeed him when his term ends. Trust the new rich to be as crass and unsophisticated as that.

To the jaded, political dynasties are a reality of Philippine life. Politics is in the genes and it takes a peculiar animal to thrive in the jungle that is Philippine politics. If that is the case, then we say the genes carry with them a poisonous virus that infects and debilitates much of the body politic. It is the virus of unmitigated ambition and greed. It is the virus that holds in thrall a people and subject them to the whims and caprices of political clans.

Bad example

WHAT is damning about political clans is that they consider political posts as part of the patrimony. Political office therefore becomes a family heirloom. It is awarded as a matter of birthright, not as a matter of talent, competence and integrity.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is a good example of somebody who won political positions on the strength of talent and integrity. Long laboring under the shadow of her great father, she came into her own and won acclamation and election. Although people still considered her lineage, they gave more premium to her credentials as an educator, economist and lawmaker.

But the President sent the wrong signal early in her term when she did not stop her son from running for vice governor of Pampanga while refusing to sign the appointment of her daughter to the foreign service. The daughter, who is otherwise sensible, educated and self-effacing, underwent rigid exams only to be stumped because her mom, who happened to be the appointing power, would like to make a public display that she would not harbor her relatives in government.

In contrast, the son banked on the goodwill and political strength of his grandfather and his mother's name in order to win the election. What does he bring to office? A doubtful educational record, a lackluster show business career and his frivolous profession of having a crush on Judy Ann Santos.

If the President really means business, she should take the extraordinary step of further institutionalizing the constitutional ban on political dynasties. She should work for an enabling law that would better realize the spirit of the charter. No single family or group of families holds a monopoly on political leadership, talent and vision. The fact that many of our political offices end up in the hands of either political clans or show-biz families simply shows the immaturity of our democracy.

Reconciliation or submission?

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

EVERY Filipino should be for national reconciliation after all those fractious events that have soiled our recent history. The Muslim dissidence and banditry, the aborted impeachment trial, the downfall and arrest of Joseph Estrada, the failed raid on Malacañang and the just concluded elections are among these traumatic occurrences. There's no question they have caused deep cleavages among our people that cry for what President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo calls a healing process.

The President offered the compassionate example when during the election campaign that was exacerbating factional animosities, she visited her ousted predecessor at his detention house in Laguna. Erap was pleasantly surprised. He received her in good grace and the two reportedly had a cordial conversation. That meeting did much to soothe their festering resentments and signaled a more harmonious relationship between them.

President Macapagal has not stopped with that gesture but has made other conciliatory moves toward Estrada. She did not oppose his request to vote in his precinct and later to his temporary transfer to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center to undergo medical tests and treatment. Last week, she even visited him there and heard him reiterate his complaints about the discomforts of his present detention house. It is reported that another detention house is already being planned for him, to be erected near the hospital for his easier access to its assistance.

All this may reflect a Christian spirit, but it is already bordering on overkill. It's all right to offer charity and goodwill to one's enemies but only within reasonable limits. Even Jesus did not hold His temper when the merchants and moneychangers desecrated the temple of God. By contrast, the pro-Erap demonstrators who sullied the shrine of the Virgin of Edsa were forgiven fast enough by a tolerant—or is it fearful?—administration. And now comes the accommodating President Macapagal's incredible offer, after improving the house in Laguna at Erap's request, to build still another house, also at public expense, for his greater convenience.

The President was quick to add that Erap's detention in the new cottage was not up to her but the Sandiganbayan. True enough, but she has given the obvious hints to that court, where some of its members, notably Presiding Justice Francis Garchitorena, are in line for promotion to the Supreme Court. Not only has she indicated her preferences on this matter but she has also given definite assurances of immediate executive implementation if the Sandiganbayan approves Erap's latest caprice. Her message couldn't be any clearer.

After their medical examinations, Estrada and his son Jinggoy were found to be suffering the usual afflictions of their age and lifestyle. These are non-life-threatening findings, but some of the doctors tsk-tsked for public consumption and said the two should stay longer for further tests. Meantime, they were allowed to vote the other Monday, a privilege denied thousands of other detention prisoners, many of them charged with less serious offenses than the capital crime of plunder.

The justification for the preference is Estrada's status as former president of the Philippines. This excuse is extended to Jinggoy as the son of his fallen father. This is the first time the Constitution and our laws have been twisted to favor a president who was unceremoniously kicked out of Malacañang. This is also the first time a legal as distinguished from a merely social privilege has been granted a detention prisoner simply because he is the son of a former president.

Under the Equal Protection Clause, persons similarly situated must be treated alike both as to rights conferred and responsibilities imposed. Estrada and his son are similarly situated with other detention prisoners and so must be treated like them. In fact, to be realistic, the Estrada duo should be less favorably treated, considering the relative gravity of the crimes charged against them and the manner of their commission. Even the Revised Penal Code lists as the first among the aggravating circumstances attending a crime "that advantage be taken by the offender of his public position."

The administration is giving too much importance to Estrada's former position as president to justify his special treatment. His unique privileges should be granted only for security reasons and no other. We should not honor Estrada for his former status because he has in fact dishonored it himself. Except only to prevent danger to his life from disgruntled citizens, or attempts to rescue him by his misguided followers, Joseph Estrada should be treated like any other detention prisoner, no better and no worse.

As for Jinggoy Estrada, he should not be permitted to share whatever justifiable benefits may be extended to his father. Jinggoy is not his father's legal adjunct nor should he be considered a special detainee because he used to be a small town mayor. His former status does not entitle him to house arrest with all its attendant demands on the public treasury. Jinggoy's glory days as President Estrada's son are over.

It should follow that if and when he is convicted, Jinggoy should not be treated as a special prisoner like his father. There may be a substantial difference between Estrada and his fellow convicts, but Jinggoy cannot claim that distinction. Even the notorious Al Capone served his time as an ordinary prisoner among many fellow inmates who would have wanted to kill him. Jinggoy does not face a similar danger and, in any case, will be given the same protection accorded all other inmates.

The nation had high hopes for President Macapagal when she took over Malacañang last January, but those hopes are flickering. Her vacillations are demoralizing her supporters. She doesn't seem to have the backbone to really resist the Erap belly-achers although she *is* the President of the Philippines. No one can quarrel with her policy of national reconciliation, but she should not confuse this with surrender.

Ice cream and balloons

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

AS a little boy, I often wondered where the balloon goes after it is let go. I still remember the joy of holding a balloon on a string which happened only once a year during our town fiesta. There were other once-a-year treats too, like popcorn, cotton candy etc., but the balloon was special, and was much awaited. In fact, it could only be had after attending the Mass. Oh, the joy of holding a balloon in one hand and a dripping ice cream cone on the other! And oh, the pain of seeing a balloon go up, following it with tears in my eyes till I could see it no more up in the sky, and nevermore to be mine... And then, still crying, half-aware, I would bite into the cone, and realize I still had ice cream in my hand!

This is the closest "ascension moment" I can think of. Yes, the balloon has disappeared from our sight, but we still have the ice cream in our hands. Jesus has gone out of our sight, but He has left behind a mission in our hands

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What's this ice cream in our hands?

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He mandated His disciples to go into the whole world and preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all nations. (Lk. 46-53) This is the ice, the mission Jesus has for us: to spread the warmth of God's love so as to melt the coldest of hearts.

But there's also the cream—that is, to do it all with spirit and with joy. Jesus expects us to do our mission, and do it with joy. We are to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

In this life, we will have trials and responsibilities, but we must not forget to be grateful and joyful through it all. Let not the harshness of life and the burdens of work deprive us of our Easter joy. Don't forget the ice cream melting with love while giving so much delight. This is our post-Ascension mission: to be joyful disciples to all nations.

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The Ascension reminds us of two important things we should have in life: the ability to look up and the ability to look beyond. Whatever we go through as individuals, as a family and as a nation, we must continue to "hold our heads up high" and continue to scan the horizon for possibilities and new beginnings. We must learn to transcend so that we can ascend and rise above our prisons. We are full of hope, full of assurance, full of windows because of the Ascension.

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We are all pilgrims on our way to the Father, our final destination. What we need is a lot of trust as we go on. Riding on an airplane requires a lot of trust. When the door is closed at takeoff, one can only pray that the same door will be opened again after landing (not on water!). Traveling at about 500 kph at an altitude of 30,000 ft for 10 hours non-stop, one can only pray and trust that the airline people have done, are doing and will do all they can to ensure our safety. Trust. Let go and let God. He is the pilot. Problem comes when we refuse to yield the pilot's seat, and insist on our own flight plans and programs. Move over. Let God take over.

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The Ascension reminds us that we are in transit. We still have to go somewhere.

One can get so bored while waiting for one's flight. I usually take the long wait as an opportunity to reflect on our lives as travelers. First, there are the weary travelers flat and out, overtaken by lack of sleep and fatigue. Then there are the lonely travelers who are so caught up in their own thoughts, so cold and indifferent to the people around them. And then, there are the giggling and laughing travelers with their heavy and bulky luggage: Pinoy travelers! They wait with patience and enjoy the waiting moments in spite of heavy burdens because they are not alone, and because they know that no matter how far or how long it takes, they will surely soon be home.

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There's one more thing that we all must face on our way home: immigration.

I wish there were "no walls, no ceilings, no floors" to divide us and prevent us from going straight home. I wish we all could breeze and sing our way through. The Lord has gone ahead and has opened the gates of heaven, "where there are no more tears, no more pain, no more sorrows, no more goodbyes." There, ice cream flows, and there are all the balloons that we let go from our hands!

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From a distance, I will be praying for you and for our country, the Philippines, especially at Fatima and Lourdes. Let us all continue to stay close to Mama Mary our Mother. In my heart, I know and believe that she has a beautiful plan for our country and our people. She reminds us that we must continue to give ice cream and balloons when life gives us rocks and stones.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, as I go on in life, help me not to lose sight of ice cream and balloons amid my many battles and burdens. Amen.

Ramifications of house arrest

CROSSCURRENTS

Antonio T. Carpio

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has publicly expressed a "personal opinion" that she does not object to the house arrest of former President Joseph Estrada at his Polk Street residence. Her spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao stated that the Ombudsman must "heed" the President's opinion and withdraw his opposition to a house arrest.

On the other hand, the President and Tiglao keep on assuring the nation that Malacañang is not in any way trying to influence the decision of the Sandiganbayan. Malacañang admits that the Sandiganbayan, an independent court, has the final say on the issue of house arrest. Malacañang also recognizes that the ombudsman is an independent constitutional officer who is not under the supervision or control of the President.

What kind of signal is Malacañang sending to the ombudsman, the Sandiganbayan, the anti-Estrada forces, the die-hard followers of Estrada, and the general public? How are these people responding to Malacañang's signal? What are the possible consequences if a house arrest is actually granted by the Sandiganbayan?

The ombudsman is maintaining his vehement opposition to a house arrest. He correctly stated that house arrest is not found in the law, and the prosecution of criminal offenders knows no politics. Buoyed by the support of private prosecutors and NGOs, he refuses to follow the President's personal opinion.

We surmise, however, that the ombudsman must be wondering aloud if Malacañang is weakening in its earlier resolve to see the law applied forcefully without fear or favor. If the President, who took office because Estrada allegedly committed plunder, is now slowly backtracking, why should the ombudsman rush head-on and absorb all the body blows coming from Estrada's lawyers?

With the President's personal opinion publicly revealed, the justice secretary can no longer help the ombudsman convince the Sandiganbayan to deny Estrada's plea for house arrest. The justice secretary has been deputized by the ombudsman to assist in the prosecution of the plunder case against Estrada. It would be awfully awkward for the justice secretary to argue against house arrest when his own boss, the President, does not object to it.

Justice Anacleto Badoy of the Sandiganbayan's Third Division told the nation that they "will not be railroaded into arriving at a decision that is insufficiently studied and not thoroughly researched." Even then, there are reports that the Third Division is split on whether or not to grant house arrest. This is ominous because the law clearly mandates the detention of Estrada in jail.

With the President publicly agreeing to a house arrest, the justices must be wondering aloud why they have to absorb all the ire of Estrada's rabid supporters once they deny Estrada's plea for house arrest. The justices have been receiving death threats, and the Sandiganbayan building itself is not as well secured as Malacañang. Pro-Estrada mobs are expected to march to the Sandiganbayan if their idol's plea is turned down.

The judiciary is the weakest among all the three branches of government. It depends on the executive to enforce its decisions, and on the legislature for funding. The judiciary depends on the executive to provide physical protection to judges and justices. The executive, which is the symbol of strength of the government, controls the police and can call on the military to suppress lawless violence.

What if the Sandiganbayan, for whatever reason, grants house arrest to Estrada? Estrada then becomes safely ensconced at Polk Street, free to plot every day against the government. With his billions, Estrada can call on disgruntled politicians and rogue military officers to destabilize the government.

Estrada knows that with the overwhelming evidence against him, he will surely be convicted of plunder if the law is allowed to take its course. The only way out for Estrada is to either delay the proceedings until 2004 when a new and friendly president will hopefully be elected, or change the present government. Given the stubbornness of those who want to see Estrada convicted, he may have to make another move before 2004.

With Estrada at Polk Street under house arrest, the rowdy pro-Erap crowd will converge there daily to give him moral support. On the other hand, the anti-Estrada forces will congregate every day at the Edsa Shrine to protest the house arrest. The nation will again see massive demonstrations, and businesses will grind to a halt. House arrest for Estrada is actually the worst-case scenario for Malacañang.

The President has taken a solemn oath to faithfully execute the law. This means that she must ensure that the law is implemented regardless of her own personal opinion as to its wisdom. The President cannot even suspend the implementation of the law. If she does not like a law, she must still ensure its implementation while asking Congress to change or repeal it.

In the plunder case, the Rules of Court mandate the detention of Estrada in jail pending trial. The Rules of Court form part of our law because the Constitution gave to the Supreme Court the power to promulgate the rules of court. Anyone who wants to grant Estrada house arrest must first ask the Supreme Court to amend the present Rules of Court which do not allow house arrest.

The safest position for the President is at all times to take the high moral and legal ground. Estrada's cause is totally bankrupt, and that is why the judiciary, military, police, media and the majority of our people abandoned him. As long as the President occupies the high moral and legal ground, she can be assured of continuing support from the judiciary, military, police, media and the majority of our people.

We wish that when confronted with difficult decisions, the President will say, as she often used to say, that she will simply do what is right and just, and leave the rest to God.

From a distance

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

FAIRFAX STATION, VIRGINIA—We entered the Mabuhay store, one of a growing number of Filipino and Asian groceries in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., intending just to buy a "Tipid Pinoy" call card, which would enable us to call home cheaply and conveniently. Once inside, however, we were mesmerized by a taped TV newscast from Manila, aired on a local cable channel. The five of us—three of us siblings and my daughter from Manila, and a brother who resides here—stood transfixed as news from home floated down from the TV set high against the wall.

Those of us from Manila had left the country just over a week ago, expressing relief at leaving the harsh realities and political uncertainties of our country behind, a day after the elections. But from the moment of our arrival, every spare moment has been spent attempting to access information from home, especially about the outcome of the May 14 polls.

But there is a difference, I have found, between being hit between the eyes with the news as it happens every day, in the place where you live and work; and receiving the news from a remove, the events filtered by distance and an altered reality. I am sure the results emerging from the vote counting—what looks like a certain 8-4-1outcome—would not seem so matter-of-fact had we been there in the trenches, absorbed 24-7 in the daily counting. So while we are indeed intensely interested, there's a discernible detachment, like watching a news show unfolding from a thousand miles away, blaring from a tiny TV set several meters above our heads in a busy store.

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WHAT is the message that Filipino voters wished to send in the May 14 elections?

I'm sure analysts of all stripes have attempted to dissect the results from every conceivable angle. And there are as many ways of analyzing the tallies as there are political and ideological biases.

Certainly, there is a message here about public perception of the Estrada impeachment proceedings, People Power II and its pathetic copycat. But the message is mixed and muddled. Those who did well and landed in the top slots played very strong and prominent roles in the impeachment proceedings. How else can we view the victories of Johnny Flavier, Joker Arroyo, Serge Osmeña, Jun Magsaysay, Frank Drilon, Manny Villar and even Kiko Pangilinan? Are not their votes validation for the stand they took against a popular (former) president and against thievery in government?

Noli de Castro, who has landed in the top slot by virtue of his more-than-a-decade's exposure as a news anchor, did not run under the People Power Coalition. But he sought to distance himself, too, from the Puwersa ng Masa, especially in the last few weeks before the voting. While there are many who believe he was secretly and subtly taking Erap's side during the impeachment proceedings, he did try to project an image of objectivity. So you can't count "Kabayan Noli's" mandate as a protest vote, either.

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STILL, there is undoubtedly a wellspring of sympathy for Erap and his supporters. As of this writing, the latest count shows Edgardo Angara, Gringo Honasan, Ping Lacson and– goodness!– Loi Ejercito assured of a place among the "Magic 13." And while Ralph Recto is fighting it out for 13th place, snapping at his heels are Juan Ponce Enrile and Miriam Defensor-Santiago.

Could these results mean that while the Filipino electorate basically believed in the justness of the impeachment proceedings and their truncated resolution, they nevertheless harbored some empathy for the former president and resentment against the incumbent for the fate that has befallen the former movie idol? Logically and rationally, the mixed results don't make sense. Emotionally, given the Filipinos' love for the underdog and deep-seated distrust of those in power, they make a perfect fit.

The vote for Doktora Loi, I think, bears much more examination than we have time and room for here. They say it was a sympathy vote in proxy for her husband. Or, it was a vote in sympathy for her, for all her years of martyrdom as the uncomplaining wife of a public philanderer. But how could her being a senator help him prove his innocence, when she is herself implicated in some of the charges? And why reward her tormentor by this seeming "blessing"? A woman's mind—and a Filipino voter's, too—bears more mysteries than our faculties can fathom.

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APOLOGIES to everyone who has missed this column the past week or so. (C'mon, there must be at least a few of you!) As must be obvious from the above, I'm on vacation right now, visiting friends and family in the United States. It's a vacation not just from work and a stressful campaign, but also, as I've put it only half-jokingly to friends, from "being a Filipino."

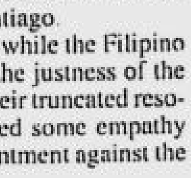
But there are also good reasons to be here, at this time. Aside from seeking relief from the political upheavals back home, there are also personal and family matters to attend to, including two weddings in the family. Thus dispatches from my end will arrive at uneven intervals, and will touch on matters that, I will admit now, seem quite detached from Philippine realities. I hope this vacation will be for faithful readers a kind of holiday, too. It's my hope that you'll find it a welcome break from the unrelenting focus on politics and social criticism that have been, of necessity, the subject of many of my recent columns.

Thanks to the miracles of modern technology, however, I can still access my local e-mail box. So please send all comments and communications to rjdavid@inquirer.com.ph and we'll keep in touch!

The special detainee

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David



THE RULE of law and the norm of equal justice are being invoked to oppose giving special treatment to the detained former president. But the enormous security precautions deployed to ensure his safety under detention already single him out for special treatment.

We cannot treat Erap like an ordinary criminal; he is not an ordinary criminal—he was once the president of our country. Millions of Filipinos elected him to office; he was booted out of the presidency by an extraordinary political act whose validity continues to be questioned by his legion of supporters to this day.

The circumstances in which he has been criminally charged straddle the political and the legal. Keeping him under detention while he undergoes trial is not just a way of preventing his escape. It is also, from a political standpoint, a way of restricting his movement and rendering him incapable of effectively mobilizing his supporters against the government. The trial is thus also the continuation of a revolutionary act.

But because the new administration is not a revolutionary government, it must abide by the Constitution and follow the rules governing persons accused of crimes. This is the sphere of the judiciary, not of presidential authority. During martial law, Marcos placed a number of people in military detention cells or under house arrest without bothering to file charges against them. He was able to do this because his government functioned, in effect, like a revolutionary government. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo does not enjoy the same prerogative; she would do well therefore not to second-guess the judiciary, a co-equal branch of the presidency.

It is up to the Sandiganbayan to decide how best to secure the former president during the trial. We should not forget that he has not been convicted, and therefore he must be accorded the presumption of innocence and all the rights due to persons in his place. If a special detention facility has to be built to accommodate him, that is the court's prerogative, not Malacañang's. It is a small price we must pay for doing something we have never done before: arresting a former president. If the court decides to grant him house arrest status instead, as Erap's lawyers have requested, so be it. The justices must however fully justify this to the public, especially in light of what happened on Polk Street, North Greenhills, the day he was arrested.

If the former president is ill and his treatment requires confinement at a hospital for a period of time, I do not think our people will object to granting him that. But to convert one whole wing of a public hospital into a detention cell or to construct a home for a VIP detainee inside hospital grounds for the duration of the trial seems the height of absurdity. Not only does it deprive ordinary patients of scarce hospital space, it also places the lives of the medical personnel and patients unduly at risk.

As foolish as confining Erap to a hospital room, however, is the idea of putting him in jail with other prisoners at the Manila City Jail. That prison cannot even humanely accommodate its existing inmates. More importantly, any fool wanting to make a name for himself can assassinate him and plunge the whole country in political limbo.

An adequately furnished detention cell inside Camp Crame, Camp Aguinaldo or Fort Bonifacio would be ideal. The government cannot ignore the security risks it has to deal with in detaining the former president. The Philippine National Police detention facility in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, looks vulnerable from the air. It is also too far from the Sandiganbayan where the trial is going to be held.

I think we have spent enough time debating where to detain Erap. More important than this is ensuring that he gets a fair and credible trial. The country's best trial lawyers are on hand to defend him with all the passion and intelligence they can summon. The government and private prosecutors must do no less; they must present and argue the cases against him as unequivocally and as competently as possible. For this trial will carry the same legal and political import as the investigation into the assassination of former Sen. Ninoy Aquino. Its conduct and outcome will determine the future course of our national life no less.

The dramatic events that rocked our country in the last eight months remain fresh in our people's imagination. They continue to feed a lingering apprehension. This is a trial we must all go through, a chance at a proper closure, a duty we were unable to carry out in 1986 when we failed to indict and try Marcos. Therefore, our people deserve to be present at the courtroom during the trial, to bear witness, if not to the nation's folly, then to the beginning of its redemption. Television cameras must do this for us. The experience will not only be educational; it will, above all, be cleansing.

Fate singled out Erap to become the president who would give hope to the Filipino poor. They gave him power; he fed them illusions. They clung to him like a hero and savior; he treated them like movie extras. He betrayed them, yet they have continued to love him. We cannot treat this man like an ordinary accused. He represents the old culture that is dying; on trial is the new that cannot be born.

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Philippine politics: A Gordian knot

COMMENTARY

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POST-ELECTION events in the Philippines tend to tighten the noose around our people's neck. Both winners and losers believe they would have done better if not for massive cheating, incompetent officials, vote buying and selling, and power-hungry, corrupt politicians who seem never to have their fill of power. Instead of taking a respite from politics (which is a chronic national exercise) and doing a reflection on how we as a people fared again, we seem to have the consuming energy to go to the next battle. Why, even before the last ballot is canvassed and the candidates are proclaimed, the battle for legislative leadership (speakership and Senate presidency) is already bandied publicly about by interested parties and powerbrokers themselves. With the focus on wielding more power rather than the management of how power is used, we are tightening the Gordian knot that is Philippine politics.

Classic myth talks of the chariot of Midas that was tied to such a very tough and complex knot that it could not be harnessed. The story says that whoever could untie the knot would dominate over the whole of Macedonia and Asia. Eventually, Alexander the Great was credited with the feat and he became so powerful that he conquered all of the ancient Asian empire.

Philippine politics seems to be akin to the chariot. The vehicle for empowerment and development has been tied up increasingly in a complex knot. Consider the knots that the 2001 elections failed to untangle.

Violence looks like it has become second nature to Philippine politics. Despite official claims that what we just had was one of the most peaceful elections, a record of at least 100 election-related fatalities does not make such claims convincing. And reading materials on election violence written 15 years ago (like the commentary of Rosario Garcellano which the INQUIRER reprinted last week) strengthens the sense of déjà vu. Those who lost their lives are martyrs or pawns either to commitment, principles, greed for power, or victims of simple misfortune.

For people who easily get captivated by charisma, whether genuine or feigned or who have nothing productive or prospective to hold on, the spellbinding effect of electoral promises expressed by political messiahs or charlatans (as the case may be) may well lead to self-destruction. The clear lesson is not to pay serious attention to politics and instead make it less visible and vocal but effective.

Another knot is the large-scale fraud in our electoral process. Call it "*dagdag-bawas*," "*singit-bawas*" or whatever, such wholesale cheating has led to a failure of elections. The Commission on Elections has been blamed for this because of its failure to modernize and computerize the electoral process. Unfortunately the Comelec intramurals hardly helped promote "clean and honest elections." The members of the constitutional body ought to be responsible enough to resolve their turf wars and act like a more solid body that the people can trust. On the other hand, the National Movement for Free Elections, the citizens' electoral watchdog, should lessen its interventionist stance and try to stick to its avowed goal of helping keep the elections clean and the count honest.

But no matter how much we improve the mechanisms, the conduct of honest and orderly elections ultimately depends on an upright and law-abiding citizenry. Democracy is about rules and rights as well as fairness, moderation and integrity. Aristotle who evolved the study of comparative governments refers to "bad" and "good forms" of governance. For him democracy as the "rule of many" can be either good or bad. Without the moderating effects of wealth and education, he said, democracy becomes a "rule of the mob."

Poverty poses a danger to stability and the rule of law. Democracy works best in a society where there is a large middle class composed of educated and economically self-sufficient citizens. The Gordian knot of massive electoral fraud can be traced to this material and moral lack in Philippine society.

Take the case of the party-list system, which is supposed to give the marginalized sectors a chance to be heard in Congress through their chosen representatives. This is intended to break or at least moderate the influence of political dynasties in our lives. Regrettably, the law has been interpreted to lump the marginalized sectors together with political parties which failed to win the legislative majority in previous elections. Furthermore, known personalities in entertainment suddenly began espousing causes with which they were hardly identified before. Thus the party-list system has become another vehicle for gaining public office for those who do not have the experience to do credit to the task of legislation.

Marginalized sectors should not be made to compete with established political parties which may be in the minority. Measures should also be taken to block the use of the party-list system as a "backdoor" entrance to "mainstream" politics. Because of the absence of a genuine party system and the ease by which one can form a group, the party-list is now in danger of being absorbed by the monster of partisan politics.

It will help develop our party-list system if their respective constituencies will monitor closely the record and programs of their representatives in Congress. They should make it clear that they would not tolerate any wheeling and dealing on the part of their representatives. A system of delisting sectoral representatives who violate their mandate should be in place.

Despite the attempt of some individuals and groups to corrupt it, all is not lost with the party-list system. Some likely winners in the last elections really represent the not-too-visible sectors and have chalked up concrete achievements in uplifting the lot of our poor countrymen. They can help untie the knot of the traditional politics of patronage and family dynasties.

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Only the marginalized

"Now the Comelec is blaming the long list of party-list groups for the delay in the canvassing of votes in the party-list elections. Why did they not trim down the list and select only the groups that represent the marginalized?"

—Manuel Batac, president of the Pinagbuklod Bagong Pag-Asa Association Inc.

Let private schools be

"If government would not subsidize private education, then just let us be, set us free."

—Catholic Educators Association of the Philippines president Fr. Roderick Salazar Jr. on laws barring tuition increases in private schools

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TALK OF THE TOWN

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'How come if it's the rich, it's democracy, but if it's the poor, it's rebellion?'

AS part of a continuing effort to help raise the level of public discussion, the INQUIRER today begins a new Sunday section. Every week, we invite three or four opinion-makers to discuss a pressing national issue, phrased in the form of a question.

The main editorial challenge is a willing suspension of judgment.

Consider the use of the phrase "Edsa III." To allow one contributor to use it with quotation marks, and another to use it without, is not editorial inconsistency. It is a nuance that respects the assumptions and arguments that each contributor brings to the dialogue.

Even in the regular commentary that reviews the arguments ("Talking Points"), there is no attempt to make conclusions about the points of view presented. Attention will be drawn to certain patterns in the argumentation, or fallacies will be pointed out, or questions will be raised, but—from start to finish—the focus remains trained on the *process* of arguing.

Hence, and as a rule, the editing is kept to a minimum: grammar, clarity of presentation, correction of factual errors.

Other "facts," however, such as the number of people present at Edsa, are more open to interpretation. When these "facts" are an integral part of a contributor's argument, they are retained.

The idea, in a word, is to let each contributor present his argument as effectively as circumstances will permit.

It is possible that the contributors will end up talking past each other; that will be unfortunate, but not fatal to the long-term project of building a culture of dialogue from the ground up. The important things, the needful things, are best done—or learned—slowly, step by step: Keep talking. Take a listen. And hear out all sides.

On May 6, Joseph Estrada summed up his thoughts on the failure of what his supporters call Edsa III by wondering aloud about the difference between democracy and rebellion

'A spontaneous outburst'

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THE ISSUE of rebellion in the Philippines should always be viewed from the point of view of history. The past is replete with examples of oppression by the colonial government of Spain, resulting in pockets of rebellion, mutiny, uprisings and the like. Rebellion has always been a counterpoint to oppression.

People Power, in the context of Edsa II, is a phenomenon that will be interpreted and debated upon by future generations. People who viewed themselves as the economic elite, the intellectual elite, and the moral elite decided that a person elected by the poor had to be done away with and confined to jail. Questions of law and the Constitution were conveniently thrown to a Supreme Court which had foolishly taken part in the festive air of Edsa II.

The justices didn't have a choice but to engage in legal acrobatics. They were hoping to take advantage of their position and the legal fiction that whichever way they decide would be final and unappealable. Edsa III was born out of that legal fiction.

Edsa III was a spontaneous outburst of emotion. The video clips of President Estrada's arrest, fingerprinting and picture-taking created an unbearable image of oppression. It was a rebellion, if taken in the context of history. But the Revised Penal Code and its provisions on rebellion are another matter. The people rose publicly, but they never took up arms. They marched to prove a point: that Edsa II had the face of oppression written all over it. They needed a climax.

The phenomenon of Edsa III should be understood in the context of the Supreme Court decision, as was understood by the *tao*.

Draw in a critical mass of two million angry people, wait for the military to withdraw support from the power-grabbing government, and let the President cower in fear and leave Malacañang as a constructive resignation. The Supreme Court gave a rough outline of requirements.

The Edsa III forces tried to fulfill these requirements but missed out on one thing: this President would not hesitate to use arms against stones. Her people didn't even hesitate to use PO3 Rolando Abello, killed in a Quiapo hold-up the night before, as a prop against the marchers, converting the unarmed uprising into a rebellion.

It is the elite that calls the shots. They called Edsa II People Power, and Edsa III a rebellion.

'An oversimplification'

BY FR. JOSE MAGADIA, S.J.
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SANTIAGO, CHILE—Many catchy phrases like this are an invitation to oversimplification, and to the temptation to either accept them without question, or reject them without examination. But the political events of the past few months cannot be painted in black and white.

In any democracy, the peaceful gathering of citizens in a public place in order to express support for or disapproval of, delight in or outrage over a political position is a legitimate democratic exercise, in and of itself, regardless of class makeup. Both Edsa II and Edsa III began this way. The problem arises when such a gathering allows itself to be turned into a violent and lawless mob—whether by inciting rhetoric, or by money, or by ideology—so that public order is sacrificed, lives are lost, and property is destroyed. Moreover, when such a mob directs its ire against a government in power, what one has is indeed an act of rebellion. It is sad that Edsa III ended up this way. But clearly, it was not all black—just as it was not all white, either, as former President Joseph Estrada would have us believe.

In the case of Edsa II, what is more lamentable is that it had to happen at all. In the end, it might be judged as a victory for justice; but whether it was also a triumph for democracy is open to serious question. It can be argued that what transpired in January was, rather, the least violent, political, palliative resolution to yet another failure of Philippine constitutional democracy. The Singson exposé triggered a serious crisis, which the political system simply did not have the mechanism to self-correct. Unfortunately, Edsa II set a precedent which unintentionally undermined the constitutional regime, and which emboldened the promoters of Edsa III to take matters into their own hands.

Needless to say, at the heart of it all is the same malady which Edsa I failed to address: the building of a democratic political system that can effectively act to bridge the widening socio-economic gap in the country—a gap which, sadly, Estrada has capitalized on for his own political ends. Furthermore, such a system would also have to help build up a culture of responsible citizenship down to the remotest of barrios. This process will take years, maybe entire generations. But for now, policymakers will have to concentrate on key redistributive reforms, and at the same time seriously consider the installation of new political mechanisms that can either help catalyze development or at least contain potential harm.

Among the more urgent political issues are: the institutionalization of the links between the executive and the legislative; the authentic professionalization of the bureaucracy; the further empowerment of local government units; the possibility of creating new mechanisms to promote transparency in and demand accountability from the Office of the President; electoral system reforms; and party system reforms (including party-list representation). One of the key middle-term objectives of possible reforms in these areas would be the promotion of greater political stability and predictability, based on a dependable rule of law, and the gradual eradication of extreme personalism and clientelism in government. Should such reforms prove effective, then we will have been able to say that we have seen the last of the Edsa uprisings, and that we have effected a more profound consolidation of democracy.

'Right question, wrong person'

TEDDY CASIÑO
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UNLESS he was just being rhetorical, Erap again betrays his ignorance of history and politics. On the other hand, it reveals the crafty demagogue we have in the former president.

Estrada should know the answer to his own question. He's been in government long enough, hobnobbing with the rich and powerful like himself, to know that there's a double standard in this country. I am reminded of that oft-quoted joke: "*Ang mahirap ginagalis, ang mayaman ina*-allergy. *Ang mahirap matakaw, ang mayaman* gourmand. *Ang mahirap sira ulo, ang mayaman* eccentric." To these we add, "*ang mahirap rebelde, ang mayaman* defender of justice and democracy."

Estrada has posed the right question, but he's the wrong person to ask it. *Buti pa kung si Ka* Roger *na lang*. In the 30 months that he held office, Erap was no champion of the rebellious poor. It was his regime that launched the all-out war in Mindanao, dislocating more than half a million Muslim and Christian peasants from their homes and livelihoods.

It was his regime that squandered the nation's coffers on expensive whiskey and wine, grand mansions, and feasts of lobsters and *lechon*. It was his regime that robbed the poor of decent housing, social services and good governance, all because the interest of the foreign banks, multinational corporations, presidential cronies and parasitic bureaucrats had to be served first.

How dare Estrada take up the cudgels for the poor when he is no less guilty of using the poor to make himself and his families so very, very rich. *Hayop talaga. Ang kapal ng mukha.*

But here's the sleight of hand. By calling the May 1 power grab a "rebellion of the poor," Estrada the demagogue distorts the class struggle for his own selfish ends and that of his faction of the ruling elite. By painting the participants of "Edsa III" as *masa*, he aims to discredit Edsa II as *elitista*. But was it?

Edsa II was pang-*masa*, too. It had its share of the dirt poor from Payatas, Tondo and Caloocan, only they wore shirts, had no stones and molotovs to throw, and did not flaunt their poverty as a political statement. Many of the poor at Edsa II and other parts of the country were hungry and angry too, but were well organized and politically conscious of their role in ousting Estrada, careful not to antagonize allies in the middle and upper classes.

But Edsa II was pang-*masa* in more ways that Erap's Edsa could ever be, simply because it was a fight against tyranny, corruption and the perversion of democracy. In contrast, "Edsa III" had no objective other than the return of a demagogue and his ruling class cohorts to power.

In order to mask their true intentions, the ringleaders of "Edsa III" rode on the masses' centuries of discontent against the elite and its institutions. To stress the point, they would continuously harp on the bourgeois stereotype of the smelly, dirty, mindless, frothing-in-the-mouth *masa* who were with them.

For truly, it is the poor who have every right to rebel in this country. And if there is going to be any real democracy in these shores, it will be through a rebellion of, by and for the poor, especially the workers and small farmers who make up the majority of our people. I hope Erap lives to see that day so he will learn that democracy, or rebellion for that matter, is not the monopoly of the rich like him.

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Talking points

THE THREE respondents share one thing in common: **They are all arguing from history.** The historical point of view is clearest in Attorney Remulla's discussion, but it is present in Mr. Casiño's argument and, to a lesser extent, in Father Magadia's too.

On this point they agree: The Philippines has had a sorry past. "The past is replete with examples of oppression," says Remulla. With his comparison of the so-called rich at Edsa II and the so-called poor at "Edsa III," says Casiño, "Erap again betrays his ignorance of history and politics." In discussing Edsa II as a victory for justice but an arguable triumph for democracy, Magadia calls attention to its proximate cause, which is "yet another failure of Philippine constitutional democracy."

We must note a corollary to Casiño's recourse to history. He takes it as a given that this sorry history is one marked by the class struggle. "In order to mask their true intentions, the ringleaders of 'Edsa III' rode on the masses' centuries of discontent against the elite and its institutions." And again: "Estrada the demagogue distorts the class struggle for his own selfish ends and that of his faction of the ruling elite."

To a man, they seek to understand the events that led to the May 1 march on Malacañang in the context of history.

What both Casiño and Remulla choose not to do, however, is make a distinction between the gathering of Estrada supporters at the Edsa Shrine, which is what is commonly referred to as "Edsa III," and the May 1 march. President Macapagal-Arroyo and her Cabinet officials have gone to great lengths to make that distinction. Indeed, for the administration, it is the May 1 march on the Palace that makes the main case for rebellion, not the gathering at the Shrine.

Magadia makes a note of the difference, when he distinguishes what happened at the beginning of the pro-Estrada rally and what took place at the end. "It is sad that Edsa III ended up this way." Jesuits are famous (or notorious, depending on your point of view) for making distinctions, but Magadia makes an important one.

A final note. **Remulla's brief is full of arguments from definition.** That is, he defines an event or a person in an argument-specific way. Hence, the people who gathered at Edsa II are "people who viewed themselves as the economic elite, the intellectual elite, and the moral elite." Former President Estrada is described as "a person elected by the poor." The process of driving him from office, charging him in court, and then detaining him is defined as being "done away with and confined to jail." Some of the phrasing may be unavoidable, especially in view of the invitation extended to the respondents, which was to limit each piece to 500 words. (That may be enough to develop only one argument.) But the next step in the public debate may be to agree on the terms of discussion.—*J. Nery*

US slow on extradition of Erap pals, Perez complains

By D. Pazzibugan

THE UNITED States government might be slow to act on the arrest and deportation of two alleged accomplices of ousted President Joseph Estrada because it is waiting for the Philippines to extradite someone it wants.

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez said yesterday Washington has been slow to act on the Philippine request for the deportation or extradition of Charlie "Atong" Ang and Yolanda Ricaforte, two of Estrada's co-accused in a plunder case before the Sandiganbayan.

Perez said he suspected the Americans were waiting for Manila to extradite another Estrada associate, tycoon Mark Jimenez, to the United States where he is wanted for tax evasion, mail fraud, conspiracy and for making illegal campaign contributions to the Democratic Party.

Jimenez has managed to stall his extradition for about three years by filing petition after petition with the Supreme Court. In the meantime, he managed to win a seat in the House of Representatives in the May 14 elections.

Not exempt

Perez has said a seat in Congress would not save Jimenez from extradition. The businessman had also offered to turn state witness against Estrada, but this was rejected by the government.

Perez said the government received reports Ang and Ricaforte were planning to seek political asylum in the US.

"Political asylum is only for those who are politically oppressed. It is not for those facing plunder charges," Perez said in a radio interview. "There is no politics involved here."

Ang is accused of collecting illegal gambling payoffs and tobacco tax kickbacks for Estrada, while Ricaforte allegedly audited the money.

No comment

Perez said the two will have to prove they are being persecuted for their "political beliefs" in order to obtain asylum in the United States.

The two fled to the US a day before Estrada was toppled in a popular revolt on Jan. 20.

The US Embassy in Manila refused to comment on the status of the Philippine government's request for the extradition of the two.

"We have no comment on press reports regarding Mr. Ang and Ms Ricaforte," Embassy public affairs officer Michael Anderson said when asked to comment the other day.

The Department of Foreign Affairs has canceled the passports of Ang and Ricaforte but the Embassy pointed out that the lack of a valid passport does not prevent one from applying for political asylum.

It said one seeking asylum does "not need travel documents."

Perez said the Philippines would strenuously block the asylum bids of Ang and Ricaforte and press for their extradition to face charges here. *With an AFP report*

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'Mega' rejects Wahid's offer to share power

JAKARTA—Indonesia's political crisis deepened Friday when Vice President Megawati Sukarnoputri turned down a surprise power-sharing offer by embattled President Abdurrahman Wahid, triggering fears that he would declare martial law.

Megawati's aides accused the embattled head of state of threatening to dissolve parliament to avoid impeachment.

However, claims that he would invoke a state of emergency at midnight came to nothing. Presidential spokesperson Yahya Staquf accused elements linked to Indonesia's former dictatorship of spreading rumors "to create disorder and instability."

Earlier, Megawati, also known as "Mega" here, walked out of a Cabinet meeting after Wahid made his offer and demanded her response. The president had hoped a truce with his deputy, who is now his main rival, would also end his bitter feud with lawmakers that has crippled his 18-month-old administration.

A majority of legislators now want Megawati to replace Wahid, who has failed to revive the plunging economy and end rising unrest across the world's fourthmost populous state.

The parliament is expected to meet next Wednesday and demand that the nation's highest assembly, that elected Wahid 18 months ago, now impeach him over graft allegations that he has denied.

Adding to the nervousness, a powerful magnitude 6.3 earthquake shook the main island of Java, where ancient mystical beliefs say seismic upheavals are sometimes portends of political change. There were no reports of major damage or casualties from the temblor.

Megawati did not directly comment on Friday's events. But officials at Wahid's state palace confirmed that she spurned the president's offer. *AP*

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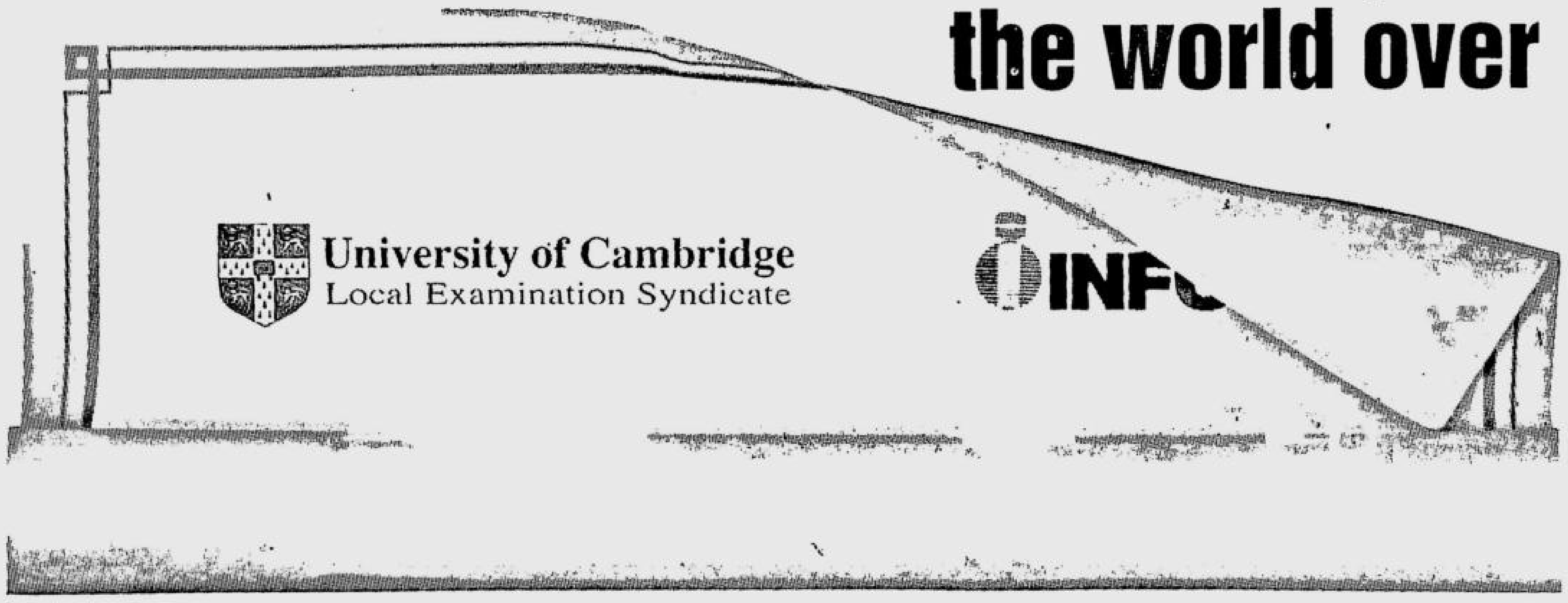

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Car bomb explodes in Israel

JERUSALEM—A car bomb exploded in Israel Friday, killing two presumed bombers, while a Fatah member was killed when his car exploded in the West Bank, hours after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon vowed to maintain a unilateral ceasefire for "a few more days."

An explosives-laden taxi blew up near the central bus station in Hadera, injuring at least 12 people and killing two police said they believed were involved in the attack.

Following the blast, hardline Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon vowed to maintain a unilateral ceasefire for "a few more days" to see if the Palestinians reciprocate.

"The Palestinians are behind terror activity, and they must order a ceasefire," Sharon told reporters Friday afternoon.

"This is what they must do. The Palestinians are behind terror activity and they must order a ceasefire." Sharon told reporters at the site of a deadly building collapse in Jerusalem which killed at least 30 people.

Later Friday however, at least one member of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah was killed, when a car carrying three other Palestinians exploded near the West Bank city of Nablus, Palestinian security sources said.

The sources said all four members had been involved in anti-Israeli attacks, adding that the explosion was caused by a bomb which was hidden at the back of the car.

Azzam Mizhir, a 23-year-old member of Fatah, was killed in the blast, which took place inside the Balata refugee camp in the northern West Bank and was blamed on Israel by the Palestinians.

A statement issued by the Palestinian leadership after a meeting in Gaza City said it "condemns this assassination perpetrated by Israel."

The Palestinian leadership said a total of nine people were injured in the blast, including three seriously.

The Hadera blast was not immediately claimed but earlier the founder of the radical Palestinian Islamic movement Hamas, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, vowed more suicide attacks after a Hamas militant blew himself up driving his explosives-laden truck at an Israeli military post near Gaza City.

Hamas's armed wing, the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, named the driver as Hussein Abu Nasr, saying his action was "in response to Israeli attacks." *AFP*

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India, Pakistan seal peace talks deal

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan—Declaring "our common enemy is poverty," Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on Friday formally invited Pakistan's military ruler to India for talks that will include disputed Kashmir—a flashpoint that has claimed more than 30,000 lives.

Pakistani leader Gen. Pervez Musharraf is ready to talk without conditions even though he thinks the Kashmiri people should be included in negotiations, his chief spokesperson said.

Vajpayee's letter came two days after India's defense minister announced the invitation while at the same time declaring an end to a six-month ceasefire in disputed Kashmir—and a day after Pakistan's foreign minister accepted the invitation while at the same time denouncing India for ending the ceasefire.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry acknowledged receipt of Vajpayee's letter and said Musharraf "will send a reply shortly."

In an interview, Gen. Rashid Quereshi, Musharraf's spokesperson, said he was skeptical about India's commitment to peace but that the latest invitation was a good sign.

3 wars

"If the government of India is sincere, this is a welcome step," he said.

The rival nations, both of which possess nuclear weapons, have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947, two of them over Kashmir.

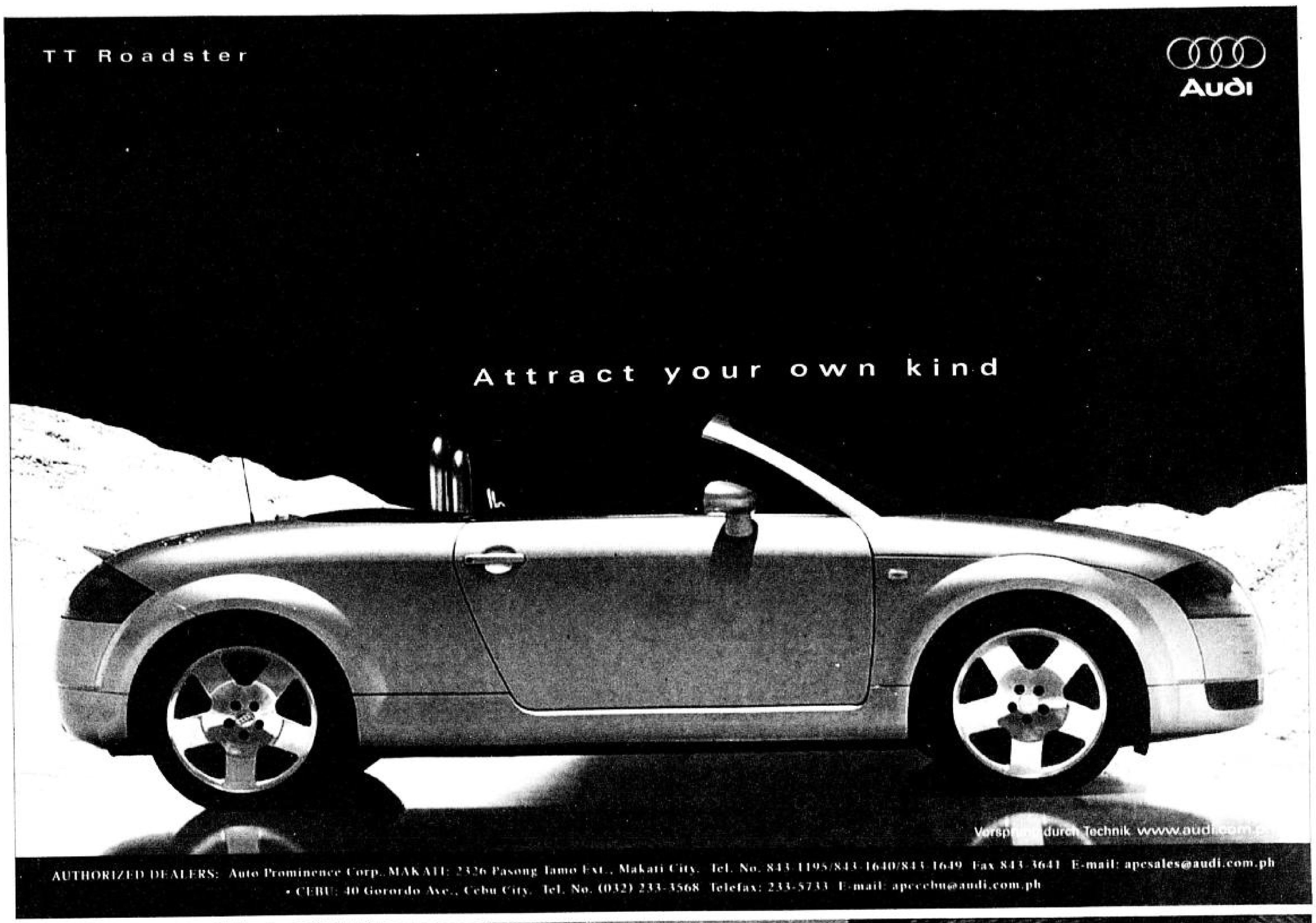
"For the welfare of our peoples, there is no other recourse but a pursuit of the path of reconciliation, of engaging in productive dialogue and by building trust and confidence. I invite you to walk this high road with us," Vajpayee's letter read.

Pakistan has long said it was willing to hold talks, but India until now insisted it stop cross-border attacks by Islamic militants in Kashmir, a divided Himalayan territory that is a main focus of dispute between the two countries.

Bloody fighting two years ago along the Line of Control dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan caused a break-up of negotiations that were never resumed.

Vajpayee's letter invited Musharraf and his wife to visit India at their "early convenience." It wasn't immediately known when that might be. Nor was it clear whether representatives of Kashmiri militant groups fighting Indian forces would attend. Several of those groups have rejected the Indian invitation and urged Musharraf not to go to India.

The Pakistani leader believes all three parties—India, Pakistan and the Kashmir people—should be represented in negotiations, Quereshi said. *AP*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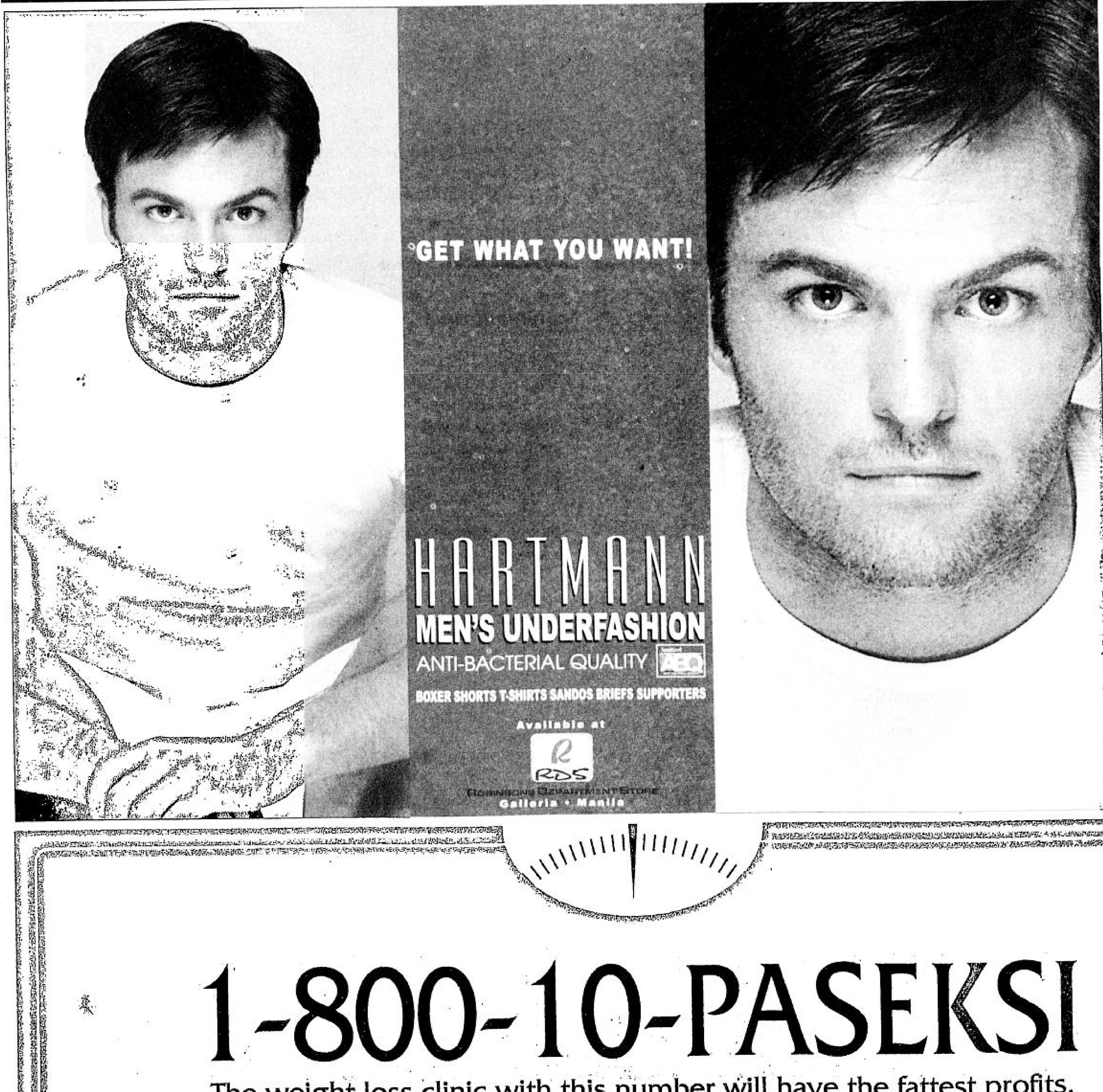
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Dems ready to challenge Bush agenda

WASHINGTON—Democratic leaders conferred on Friday about new and unexpected prospects for pushing their agenda thanks to the defection of a key Republican in the Senate that will shift power in the chamber to their party.

President George W. Bush tried to play down the enormity of the change and signaled confidence in top aides who critics say failed to stop the defection of moderate Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont, who objected to Bush's conservative trend.

Yet the future of Bush's whole legislative agenda, including tackling energy shortages, education and health reform, promoting more conservative judicial appointments and reshaping national security with a missile defense system, is now in question.

Jeffords' defection, announced on Thursday, will change the balance of power in the Senate to 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans and one independent. Republicans control the House of Representatives, 221-210, with two independents and two vacant seats.

"The dynamics on the Hill change immediately," said Kim Wallace, chief political analyst at Lehman Brothers. "You return to shared power and have, at best, grudging partisan negotiations or return to an era of gridlock when you get nothing done.

"This can't be viewed as good for President Bush," Wallace said. "Yet Democrats could be at risk if there is more gridlock and the public blames them for it."

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, in line to become the chamber's new majority leader, met with House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt as shell-shocked Republicans regrouped.

Gephardt said, "The spotlight I think will really turn to the House Republican leadership. Will they allow bipartisan bills to come up and be processed . . . or will they stonewall?" *Reuters*

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Collapsed hall search

JERUSALEM—Israeli rescuers worked through the early hours of Saturday in the hope of pulling out alive up to a dozen people believed still buried in the debris of a collapsed banquet hall. Police said at least 23 people were killed and more than 300 injured when the dance floor of the Versailles hall in west Jerusalem disintegrated under the feet of wedding guests on Thursday night and plunged to the building's lower stories. "We will work until we reach the basement. We will work around the clock," said Col. Gideon Bar-On, a commander of the rescue team. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called the collapse a "national disaster" and said his Cabinet would consider an official inquiry into the worst civil catastrophe in the country's 53-year history. *Reuters*

UN: Taliban pushing drugs

UNITED NATIONS—A UN panel accused Afghanistan's Taliban rulers Friday of selling stockpiled opium and heroin to finance its war against northern rebels and train terrorists. It called for the United Nations to monitor the drug trade as part of the UN arms embargo. In a report to the Security Council, the five-member panel questioned the sincerity of the Taliban's supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, in banning poppy cultivation last July, saying the large stockpile suggested that the Taliban only wanted to halt production to keep opium and heroin prices from plummeting. "If Taliban officials were sincere in stopping the production of opium and heroin, then one would expect them to order the destruction of all stocks existing in areas under their control," the report said. The UN Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention reported that Afghanistan's opium production was about 2,500 tons in 1998, 4,600 tons in 1999, and 3,100 tons in 2000 which amounted to a sizable stock of opium and heroin, it said. *AP*

Australian surrender

SYDNEY—A frightened government minister pleaded for Australia to surrender to Japan during World War II at a time when Allied forces appeared close to defeat, according to a report Saturday. The Sydney Morning Herald said it obtained a letter describing the plea by Jack Beasley at a Cabinet meeting in 1942, saying Australia had been abandoned by its colonial parent Britain and should surrender. "We were in a hopeless situation, and we should sue immediately for peace under any terms which the Japanese were prepared to grant," said the letter by deputy air force chief Bill Bostock, who attended the meeting. Historians agree some officials in the Australian government were close to panic in early 1942 as Japanese forces knifed across much of Asia. The fall of Singapore, the main British military base in south-east Asia, left many Australians fearful that their country would be invaded. An Australian surrender would have been a major blow to the Allied war effort. Australia played an important role in the eventual defeat of Japan. *AP*

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Security at power plants beefed up

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LUCENA CITY—Police and military authorities have beefed up security in two power plants in the province for possible attacks by communist rebels in the wake of a strong opposition to the passage of the Omnibus Power Reform bill.

A source from the intelligence unit of the military's Southern Luzon Command based in Camp Guillermo Nakar here disclosed a report that New People's Army rebels would attack any of the power plants in Mauban and Pagbilao.

"They could bomb any of the plants to sabotage its operations and to make a strong statement against the proposed power bill. The NPA would ride on the issue," said the source, who requested anonymity.

He, however, stressed that the military would be able to thwart any possible attack.

The Communist Party of the Philippines, in the May special edition of its official publication "Ang Bayan," has ordered the NPA to prepare for more and bigger battles by advancing the armed struggle.

Chief Insp. Ronaldo Ilagan, Quezon police intelligence and investigation chief, has confirmed the report.

"Although what we received is still a raw and unverified report, the NPA could ride on the strong sentiments against the proposed power bill. So we're not leaving any chances. The police force in the area is under strict order to observe all precautions," he said.

Ilagan said contingency measures had been put in place to ensure the security of the power plants.

"We're strictly coordinating with the military and all the security measures are now in place," he said. Supt. Alberto Mercado, acting Quezon police chief, said he would order the deployment of more policemen to Mauban and Pagbilao.

The power plants—one near the Lamon Bay and the other facing the Tayabas Bay—supply part of Metro Manila's power needs.

Quezon Power (Philippines) Ltd. (QPL) operates the 440-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Barangay Cagsiay I, Mauban, which supplies power to the Luzon grid.

Mercado said the troops would reinforce security forces in the plants. He said the security provided by a private firm to the plants was very elaborate.

"It would be doubly hard for any lawless elements to sabotage or disrupt the operations of the plants," he said. Only one police detachment secures the Hopewell Power Plant in Barangay Pulo, Pagbilao, however.

Mercado said a "company post exercise" was conducted last week in the Pagbilao power plant. Police and the private security firm staged "reaction exercises" to confront possible crisis scenarios.

A Napocor distribution facility in Barangay Mateuna, Tayabas, Quezon, was also being watched, according to the police.

AMBASSADORS Roland Van Rethoochtele of Belgium and Ulf Hakansson check native products at the agro-industrial trade fair in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya. They were among members of a European Union delegation that visited the province on May 23. BEN MOSES EBREO

EU supports GMA pro-poor program

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya—Top officials of the European Union (EU) have vowed support for President Macapagal-Arroyo's program to improve the lives of poor Filipinos.

Swedish Ambassador Ulf Hakansson, head of the 10-member EU delegation, cited the need to combat the worsening poverty in the country.

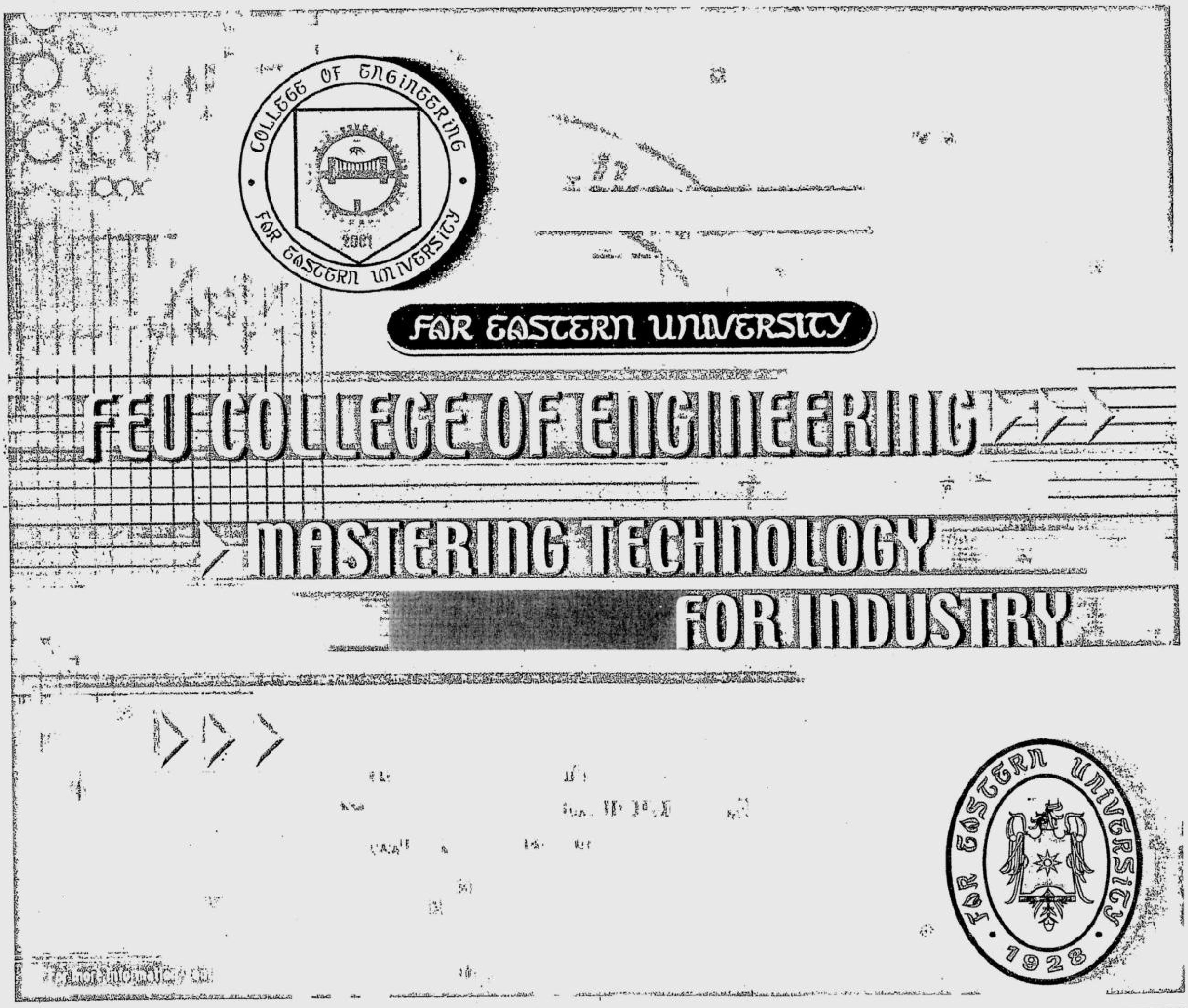
He arrived here with Ambassadors Roland Van Rethoohtele (Belgium) and Yves Gazzo (European Community), their wives and other European dignitaries.

The team noted that the Macapagal administration was putting priority on poverty alleviation, and "we are happy to see and assist her in that way," Hakansson said.

"I think this is extremely important," he told reporters here. "The European Union is very much supporting this program and it is a very good example here in Nueva Vizcaya."

The EU delegation came to the province to inspect several completed projects of the Earthquake Rehabilitation Program-Caraballo and Southern Cordillera Agricultural Development Program (ERP-Cascade) which were funded by the Philippines and the European Union.

ERP-Cascade projects in Nueva Vizcaya cover 145 villages occupied by indigenous peoples. *Ben Moses Ebreo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



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PESO PLUNGES

3 bomb blasts rock Maguindanao, Cotabato

COTABATO CITY—At least three bomb explosions rocked Maguindanao and this city on Friday and Saturday.

No casualties were reported.

The latest incident happened Friday night in Parang, Maguindanao, site of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao police headquarters.

Senior Supt. Acmad Omar, ARMM police chief, said the bomb exploded near the house of municipal assessor Andig Macasasa, who is a member of the Parang board of canvassers.

On Thursday, two grenades exploded in separate places in the city.

Police said the target could be Datu Piang's reelected mayor, Saudi Ampatuan, and former mayor Genuine Kamaong, a candidate for provincial board member.

On Thursday, a grenade exploded inside the residential compound of a reelected Maguindanao official on Sinsuat Avenue.

A bystander, Jakiri Dalandas, 20, was slightly wounded when an unidentified man lobbed a grenade near the gate of the house of Datu Piang Mayor Saudi Uy-Ampatuan.

Outgoing City Mayor Rodel Mañara said the police were on red alert against election saboteurs. ***Charlie C. Señase and Nash B. Maulana, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

SPECIAL ELECTION

Maguindanao townsfolk cast votes

By Edwin O. Fernandez
PDI Mindanao Bureau

COTABATO CITY—About 70 percent of the 11,000 voters in Matanog, Maguindanao, cast their votes in yesterday's special election.

"Generally, the special election is peaceful except for some very minor problems," Wynne Asdala, Maguindanao election supervisor, said.

More than 80 police and marine officers acted as poll officials in 64 precincts after teachers refused to serve for security reasons.

Army Maj. Julieto Ando, 6th Infantry Division spokesperson, said the election was orderly and peaceful due to the presence of military personnel.

But poll officials said the turnout was quite low. Some voters were disenfranchised, while others complained that others voted for them, a radio report said.

On May 14, two mortar explosions rocked Matanog, triggering a stampede that resulted in the destruction of election paraphernalia.

The situation forced local poll officials to recommend a failure of elections, which the Commission on Elections upheld.

Ballot boxes in yesterday's election were brought to police Camp S.K. Pendatun in nearby Parang town for counting and canvassing.

In Leyte, Gov. Remedios Loreto Petilla (Lakas-NUCD) was proclaimed as reelected, defeating her niece, Rep. Catalina Loreto-Go (LDP) by a wide margin of 114,034 votes. Petilla garnered 251,518 votes against Loreto-Go's 137,484.

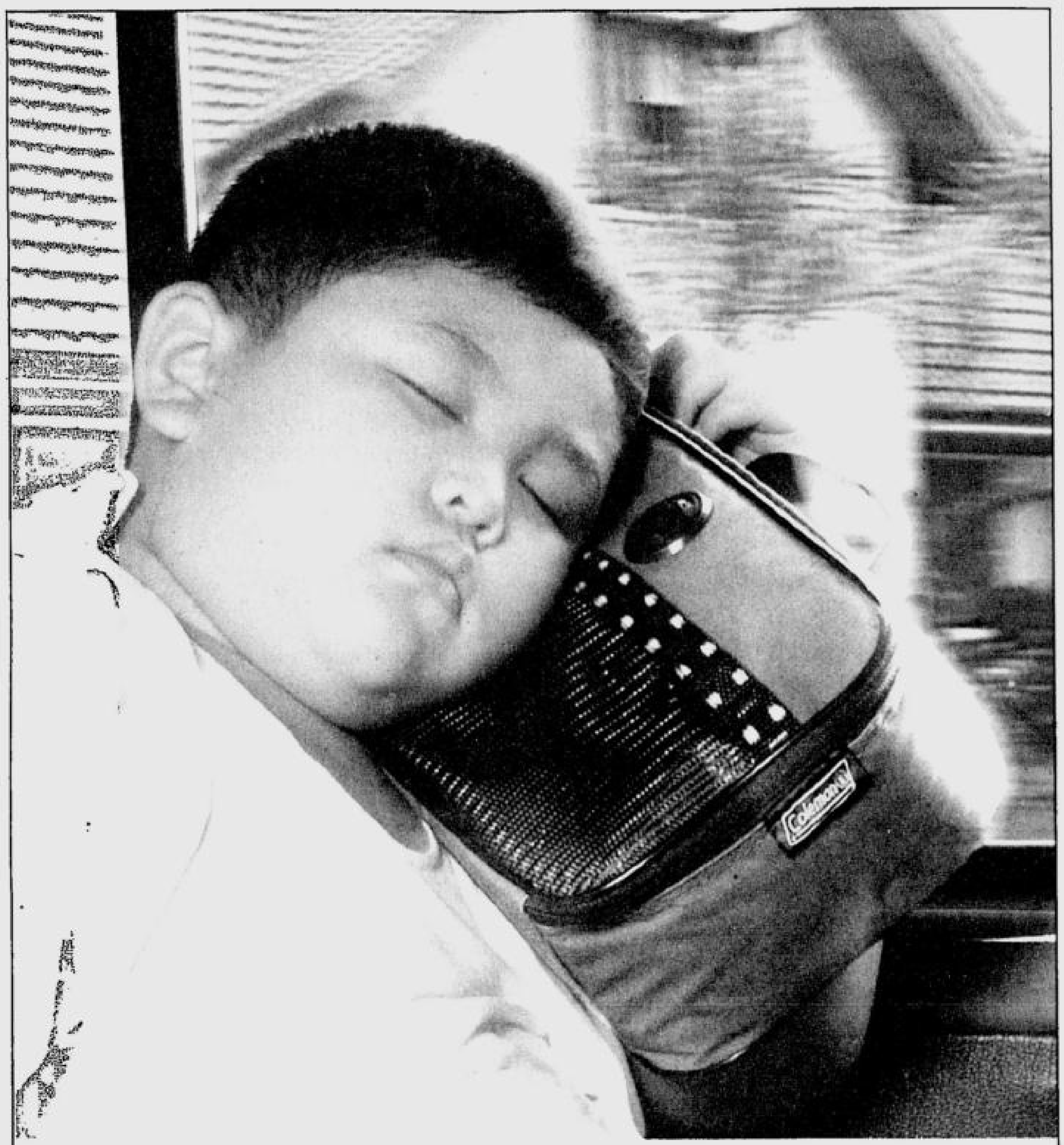
In Guimaras, the provincial board of canvassers on Friday proclaimed Edgar Espinosa (Lakas) as representative of the lone congressional district, defeating Vicente de Asis (LDP) by a margin of more than 5,000 votes.

But there was no winner yet in the gubernatorial race due to the suspension of canvassing of returns in Buenavista, the largest town in Guimaras.

Results from 308 of 364 precincts in the province showed incumbent Gov. Joaquin Carlos Rahman Nava leading with 27,068 votes over challenger Gerry Yucon (Lakas) who has 14,109 votes.

In Cebu City, the counting of returns in the hotly contested mayoral race was stalled yesterday as nine certificates of election returns were missing and may have been inadvertently placed in sealed ballot boxes containing counted returns.

Tomas Osmeña, a former mayor of the city, was leading by 1,000 votes over incumbent Mayor Alvin Garcia. ***With reports from Joey Gabieta, Nestor Burgos and Rianne Tecson, PDI Visayas Bureau***



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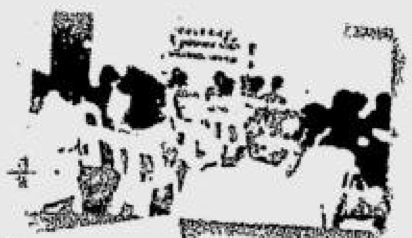
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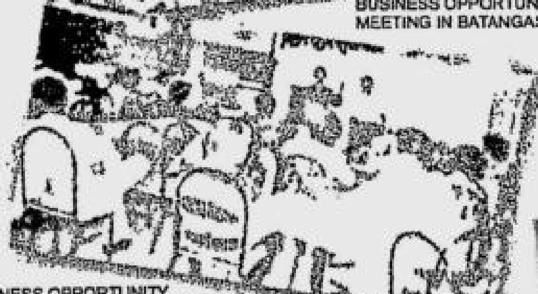
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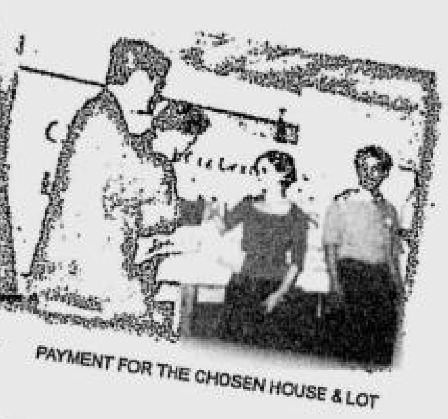
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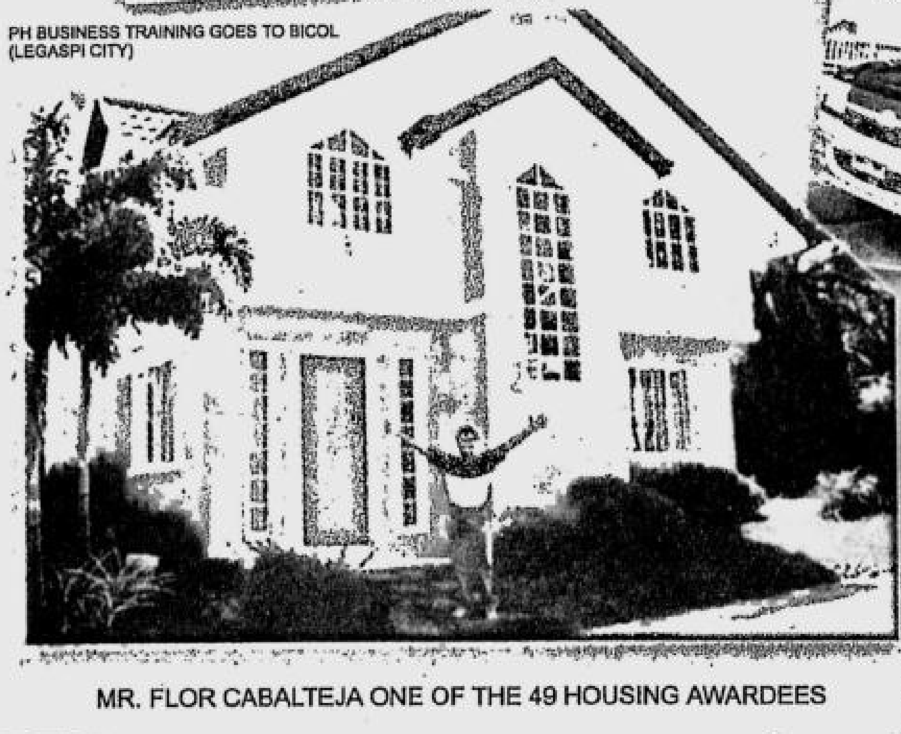
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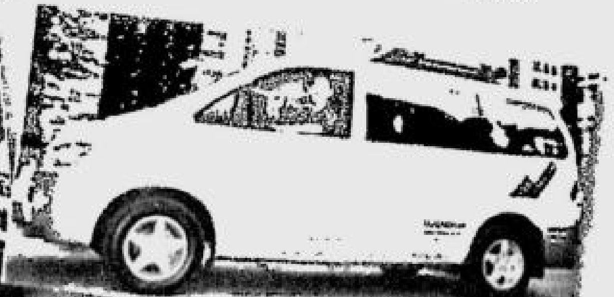
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Candao has the Masturas of Sultan Kudarat, the Laubans and the Macapegeses of the first district, and the Matalams, Uttos, Silongans and the Montawals of the second district.

On the other hand, Ampatuan has strengthened his alliance with Maguindanao's other big political families—the Pendatuns, Sangkis and Piangs. Also forming a coalition with Ampatuan are second-generation political dynasties—the Mangudadatus, Midtimbangs, Paglases, Dilangalens, Biruars, Angases and Tomawises, among others.

The Baraguirs, Matalams and the Uttos are divided into supporters of the Ampatuan and Candao camps.

Rooted from Kabuntalan, the traditional midstream sultanate born of the two royalties, the influential Sinsuats, who went for the pro-Ampatuan *laya* alliance, have become the deciding factor in the province's formidable command votes. These old royal houses and subprincipalities of the datus cast a poor political shadow in today's two congressional districts of Maguindanao.

Political observers say the Maguindanao traditional leadership from which the datus draw influence in imposing upon their constituents to vote for common candidates, now binds these leaders who were never before seen unified in any election.

Ramos experience

Candao, a lawyer and considered a modern-day political thinker, has ruled Maguindanao and the autonomous region, both by appointment and through electoral mandate.

"In the 1998 election, I was like wading in head-deep water, with former vice governor (Datu Midpantao) Midtimbang fighting it out against me. Now it seems like wading in knee-deep water with Andal Ampatuan on the other side," Candao said in a pre-election kick-off campaign.

"He (Candao) may not be a good lawyer if he underestimates us that way. But if he wins in this election, I would never ever think of challenging him again," replied Ampatuan in Maguindanaon.

Ampatuan, and a self-taught political analyst who reached only fourth year high school, had placed Candao's political strength since President Corazon Aquino as one being inversely proportional to the firmness of the traditional leadership taking a unified stand in the local polls.

Noting that the formidable Ali Dimaporo lost to Candao in a political atmosphere of a divided traditional leadership. Ampatuan took the cue of unifying the traditional leaders in modern-day politics from the Muslim experience under former President Fidel Ramos.

The former Chief Executive fielded Lininding Pangandaman in the 1993 regional elections against Candao, and created for him a political machinery by unifying the traditional leaderships of Lanao, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-tawi to beat Candao.

While election returns were being tabulated in Camp Siongco in Awang, Maguindanao, as of this writing, 13 municipalities ruled by the Ampatuans and their allies are said to have delivered to him over 150,000 in command votes. Candao's allies in eight municipalities were able to give him more than 90,000 votes.

Candao's camp said the incumbent governor was optimistic of gaining "catch" (independent) votes even from the traditional bailiwicks of the Ampatuan allies, "if the counting was fair."

All in the families

Indeed, the election of these leaders into their positions merely extends their influence from their inherited powers as datus to the leaderships they assume in the modern-day constitutional democracy.

In the last elections alone, the Sinsuats and the Ampatuans have fielded at least 20 candidates, for positions ranging from municipal councilors, mayors and board members to congressional representatives. The Pendatuns have four; Matalams, three; Biruars, three; Mangudadatus, two; Midtimbangs, three; Masturas, two; and Dilangalens, three.

Candao's son, Datu Marouph, also ran for mayor of Parang town against his cousin in-law, incumbent Mayor Esmael Biruar.

In Cotabato City, lawyer Datu Mando Sinsuat Jr. lost to his cousin in-law Datu Muslimin Sema in the mayoral race.

Linda Ampatuan, niece of the Kampi gubernatorial candidate, won a seat in the city council. Another relative Jojo Guiani Jr. won the vice mayoral race.

In opposite political fences, the Matalams fielded the brothers Guimid, a former congressman and vice governor of the ARMM, for congressman; and Norodin, a former vice governor and governor of Maguindanao, as Candao's running mate.

In the initial counting, Guimid is leading over Candao's congressional candidate, former Comelec Commissioner Japal Guiani; Board Member Datu Ali Sangki, a nephew of Ampatuan; Datu Pike Mentang; and Datu Muslimin Ampatuan, a former vice governor and first cousin of the gubernatorial candidate.

To preserve a coalition rooted in old tradition, Ampatuan, being the head of the datus' alliance, had to drop his support for Datu Muslimin and Sangki in favor of Guimid Matalam.

The Ampatuan-Sinsuat tandem had expected Guimid to neutralize the Matalams' and Montawals' support for Candao-Matalam team in Pagalungan and Pagagawan towns.

The Sinsuats also had to abandon their own. Arnel Sinsuat-Datukon, a public accountant and lawyer, and went for reelectionist Didagen Dilangalen, a member of the traditional leadership power bloc, in the first district congressional race.

Members of the families themselves say the Pendatuns and the Matalams on one side, and the Sinsuats and the Ampatuans on the other have not seen eyeball-to-eyeball in any political exercise since the time of Commonwealth President Manuel L. Quezon.

Bloody cost

But this election in Maguindanao has not been without blood sacrifices. Among the fatalities were Ludovico Bañaga, a village leader

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Battle of dynasties in Maguindanao

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in Ampatuan town; election officer Panga Bernan of Paglas town, and his son, who were shot dead in Buluan days before the polls; three children and a farmer in Baka, Datu Odin Sinsuat town; a soldier in Pendatun town; a poll watcher in Pagalungan; and three other residents of Sultan Sa Barongis.

The killings are beyond the ordinary voter's comprehension. But one thing is certain: the victims are political casualties.

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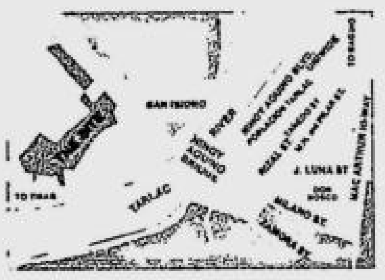

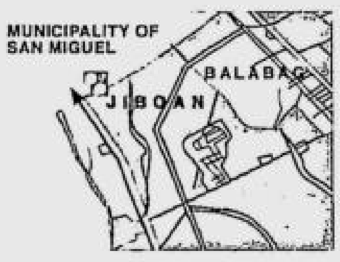

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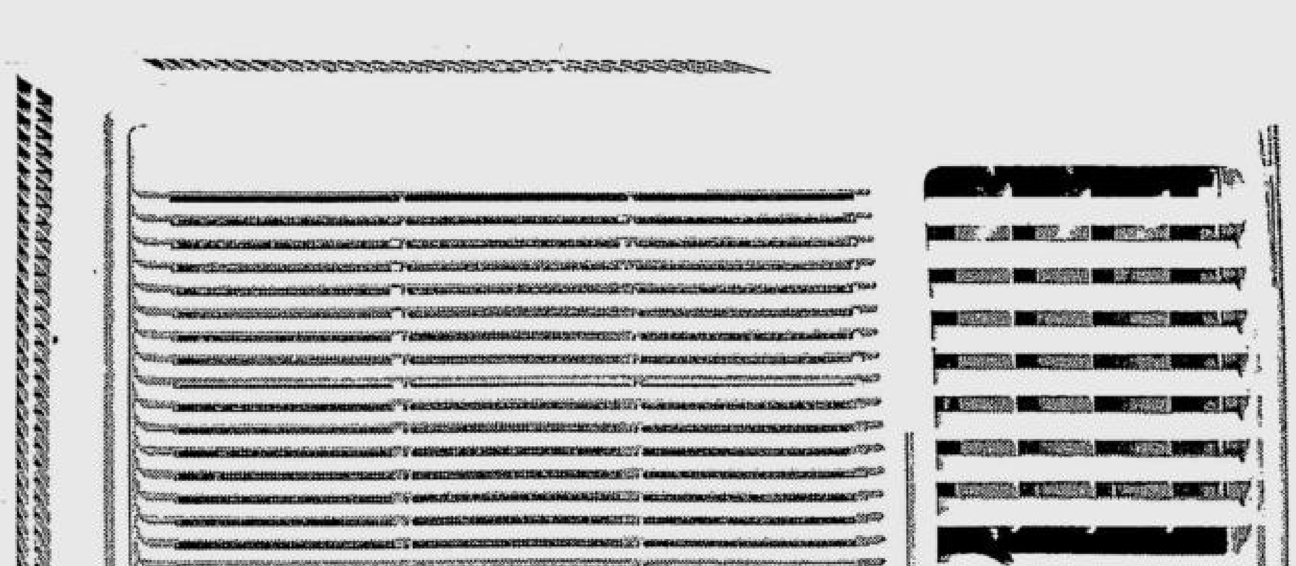

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Showdown on power bill

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Tiglao said more dialogues had been scheduled with various groups.

Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. on Saturday said that a majority of his colleagues would vote for the bill.

"With due respect to the concerns of civil society, there's a big possibility the bill will pass considering the length of time it has been tackled. There's no way we can avoid that," Pimentel told the weekly Kapihan sa Sulo Hotel in Quezon City.

But Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, a key Estrada ally, said he and other opposition lawmakers would block the bill in its present form, saying the proposed measure lacked safeguards to protect consumers against monopolies.

Enrile said the bill should ensure competition in the power sector, prohibit the passing of Napocor's losses to consumers, stop abuses in setting of rates, call for open bidding of contracts and provide for the creation of an independent, trustworthy Energy Regulatory Board.

Camacho

Even so, Energy Secretary Jose Camacho said he was "very optimistic" about the bill's passage because the special session of Congress would be made up of incumbent legislators and not the incoming ones.

"You would think that you would have natural allies on both sides—the majority legislators then who are now opposition were the authors, were the main proponents of the bill and the then opposition who is now part of the administration," he said.

The House of Representatives has already approved its own version of the power bill. The Senate is expected to approve its version by Wednesday, according to sources.

A bicameral committee made of members of both chambers will be meeting to iron out differences in the two versions of the bill. A unified version will be presented to both the House and the Senate on Thursday for ratification.

In a talk with the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines, Camacho said the country would likely see the privatization of its power assets late next year should the key power bill pass Congress in its special session.

Camacho said foreign investors were expected to be the main players bidding for Napocor's assets, as there were few local firms with enough financial capability to rehabilitate and operate these assets.

"Even if the bill will be passed, we will not be selling the assets two weeks from now," he told foreign correspondents.

"I personally estimate a period of about 15 to 18 months from passage of the bill before the first set of privatization is likely to happen."

Officials have said the power reform bill was symbolic of the Macapagal administration's ability to push for economic reforms.

Under the bill, Napocor will be split into several companies and sold off. Its power generation facilities will be auctioned off along with the operation of its transmission lines under a concession agreement.

A study by Credit Suisse First Boston last year placed the total value of Napocor's assets at around $4.5-$5 billion.

However, Camacho said the valuation might change 18 months from now depending on the state of the local economy and the market condition when the government would be ready to place its power assets on the auction block.

Camacho said the government would have to formulate the implementing rules and regulations of the power bill, draw up a privatization plan and then come up with bidding guidelines.

Protests

In a separate forum yesterday, the militant Kilusang Mayo Uno and allied organizations said they would march to the Congress grounds on Monday morning to lobby the junking of the bill and urge legislators to instead pass a law nationalizing the energy industry.

The Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, party-list group Bayan Muna, urban poor group Kadamay and women's group Gabriela are expected to join the KMU in the mass action.

Other groups have vowed to launch separate mass actions, including a symbolic power shutoff on the evening of May 30.

"The bill's orientation alone is enough basis to junk it. Contrary to the President's claim in her TV commercial, the power bill is not service-oriented but is aimed at increasing profits for foreign corporations and their local business partners at the expense of consumers and the people," KMU spokesperson Sammy Malunes said in the weekly Kapihan sa Cypress.

"If the bill is passed, it will wreak havoc on the economic lives of the people. There will be mass layoffs. Household electricity bills will soar," he warned.

At least 10,000 employees of Napocor and 7,000 workers of Meralco were likely to lose their jobs, he said.

The spokesperson of the Meralco Employees and Workers Association said the bill would force consumers to shoulder Napocor's debts.

"When Napocor is sold, the buyers won't have to pay off its debt—the government will shoulder these and in turn, pass these on to the people in the form of higher taxes. Another way to get the debts paid is to pass these on to the consumers. Either way, it's the people who pay," said Mewa spokesperson Al Diaz.

At the weekly Kapihan sa Sulo Hotel, Pimentel joked that the bill's passage would depend on the "face of Sen. John Osmena," author of the Senate version of the power measure and chair of the Senate energy committee.

"If his face looks good, then the bill will pass," Pimentel said. "And, I think, his face looks good." *With reports from Reuters*

Recto slides to 13th from 10th place

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As of 5:30 p.m., the top eight candidates were Noli de Castro, Juan Flavier, Sergio Osmeña III, Franklin Drilon, Joker Arroyo, Ramon Magsaysay Jr., Manuel Villar and Francis Pangilinan.

With the exception of De Castro, a guest candidate of the LDP-PnM, all the top placers are from the PPC.

"The main concern here is if the remaining votes that have to be counted will not affect the position of the candidates. That's the right time for us to have a partial proclamation," Comelec Chair Alfredo Benipayo told reporters after the seven-member NBC declared a recess in the afternoon canvass.

Four of the COCs read and tabulated yesterday came from Guimaras and the cities of Zamboanga, Manila and Davao.

The NBC has canvassed 87 COCs, or 85.3 percent of the total.

Last five

The planned proclamation of the top eight senatorial candidates left the battle for the remaining five seats to the PPC's Recto and the LDP-PnM's Angara, Lacson, Ejercito, Honasan, Enrile and Miriam Defensor-Santiago.

Angara, Lacson, Ejercito and Honasan placed 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, respectively, in yesterday's tabulation.

Recto was at 13th, with 8,336,765 votes; Enrile at 14th, with 7,880,821; and Santiago at 15th, with 7,834,517.

Benipayo said that compared to the 1995 and 1998 general elections, the Comelec would be able to have a partial proclamation of candidates in the May 14 polls. He did not elaborate.

According to observers, a partial proclamation of the top eight senatorial candidates will benefit them as any post-proclamation electoral protest will have to be heard and decided by the Electoral Tribunal, whose members come from both chambers of Congress.

The resolution of the protests is expected to be clouded with partiality as the winners will by then be members of Congress—a clear advantage over the complainants.

The remaining COCs will come from the four vote-rich ARMM provinces (Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi), Cagayan de Oro City, Caloocan City, Quezon City, Cebu, Cebu City, Nueva Ecija, Eastern Samar, Leyte and Basilan.

The results will only affect the standing of the candidates in the 9th to 15th spots, Benipayo said.

"We are expecting the COCs of Quezon City, Caloocan and Taguig-Pateros by Monday," he said.

Cliff-hangers

In a press statement, Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. warned that the "whimsical and highly irregular deferment" of the canvassing of votes in some Muslim provinces in Mindanao could lead to large-scale fraud.

He said the move would give cheats the opportunity to rig the elections in favor of the "cliff-hangers" in the senatorial race.

Pimentel has questioned the move of provincial board canvassers in Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Tawi-Tawi and Basilan to suspend the canvassing of senatorial votes while proceeding with that of congressional, provincial and municipal votes.

"The unwarranted suspension of canvassing of the votes for the senatorial elections in the four provinces only gives rise to the suspicion that attempts to manipulate and fabricate the election results are afoot, if not in progress," Pimentel said.

He said that this should not be tolerated, and that a syndicate employed the same *modus operandi* in the 1995 *dagdag-bawas* (vote padding and shaving) operations that cheated him of a Senate seat.

Pimentel appealed to the Comelec to immediately investigate and overrule the suspension of canvassing in these provinces, and to impose sanctions on the members of the boards of canvassers.

He asked Benipayo to require the chairs and members of the boards of canvassers to explain what appeared to be a "selective canvassing of votes, contrary to election rules and procedures."

"Why should they proceed with the canvassing of votes for local candidates and postpone the canvassing of votes of senatorial contenders?" Pimentel said, adding:

"Were they a party to the rigging of election results? Were they in cahoots with the cheating operators or waiting for them to come forward and make the highest bid?"

Replacements

The PNM aired its own warning.

Its spokesperson Jesus Crispin Remulla warned the Comelec that the administration might take advantage of a plan to replace supposedly missing election officers responsible for canvassing votes in the ARMM by fielding "poll-fraud operatives" in their place.

Remulla said the PnM had received field reports that ARMM election officers reported missing by the media "have, on the contrary, gone into hiding after being harassed and terrorized by local military officials dispatched to carry out cheating operations" in the area.

He said local PnM officials had alerted Manila on a plot to alter canvass results in Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur and Tawi-Tawi.

The PnM believes that its senatorial candidates can win in least 10 of the 13 slots in the ARMM, which has an estimated one million voters.

Comelec Commissioner Rex Borra said Friday that canvassing in Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao had just started after being delayed by almost a week because of the sensitive peace and order situation in these areas.

Commissioner Mehol Sadain, in charge of the ARMM, said canvassing in Maguindanao was supposed to start Friday, and in Lanao del Sur, yesterday.

It was Sadain who proposed that the missing ARMM election officers be replaced to expedite the canvassing in these areas.

But Remulla fears that the administration might consider Sadain's proposal an opportunity to "switch ballots or election returns."

Or, he said, "poll-fraud operatives" might "reverse the expected landslide victory of the PnM in the pro-opposition Mindanao autonomous region."

Remulla said that instead of replacing the missing officers, the Comelec should "guarantee full security (for them) to convince them to emerge from hiding and continue with their sworn duty to protect the integrity of the ballot."

He also asked the Comelec to "defer the official counting until these harassed officers are accounted for and properly secured by Philippine Marine troopers so they could perform their duties without fearing for their lives."

The PnM charged that Recto's recent upward surge in Mindanao was an indication that the administration's "poll-fraud operatives" had been effective.

"In Zamboanga del Norte alone, beleaguered PPC candidate Ralph Recto got 27,000 more votes than consistent frontrunners Noli de Castro and reelectionist Juan Flavier. In the same province, Recto got 3,900 votes in one town where only 3,700 voters trooped to the polling precincts last May 14," Remulla said.

"The PPC knows that Maguindanao, with over seven million votes, will deliver an overwhelming victory to the opposition. That's why it is doing everything and using every available opportunity to reverse this landslide win through wholesale cheating," he said. *With reports from Armand N. Nocum and Cathy C. Yamsuan*

Teachers promised . . .

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Macapagal-Arroyo would also certify as urgent a bill proposing a 5-percent increase in their salaries.

Roco said he would work to get the bill passed during Congress' special session next week.

The education secretary said that from May 1 to June 15, there would be no withholding tax deductions from teachers' salaries.

Teachers with salary loans will also enjoy a reduction in annual interest payments.

The Government Service Insurance System has agreed to assume P5 billion worth of teachers' loans from private lending institutions.

According to the arrangement worked out with the GSIS, the teachers will be paying the GSIS for their loans but at an interest of only 14 percent annually, against the 40 percent annual interest that the lenders imposed.

"I am not going to continue to make you work for the lenders," Roco told the teachers.

The teachers' clothing allowance has also been increased from P3,000 to P4,000, Roco said. The additional P1,000 will be given immediately as the P3,000 has already been released.

Roco also told the teachers that their salaries would soon be released directly to them through banks to be chosen by their school districts.

The requirement for teachers to renew their licenses has also been abolished.

Roco said he had already given the orders for school authorities to accept any elementary or high school student wishing to enroll without having to give a donation.

He said it was the duty of the government under the law to provide free elementary and high school education.

The contributions, which are voluntary, are separate from the enrollment process and can always be paid later, he said.

Those who have paid the contributions and want their money back can get refunds.

Voluntary donations for the Boy Scouts will be collected on July 1, the Girl Scouts on Sept. 1, the anti-tuberculosis drive on Aug. 19 and for the Parent-Teachers-Association in July.

Gas thief an instant . . .

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jeepney driver, who sped off from a gasoline station without paying for a tank full of fuel, has become an instant celebrity of sorts in the city.

Radio commentators have been praising the driver for his show of "disgust" over the new round of oil price increases this week.

He was "obviously protesting" the May 24 oil price increases imposed by Caltex, Petron and Pilipinas Shell, they say.

The driver directed a gasoline station attendant near Kennon Road to fill up his fuel tank Thursday night and sped off without paying his P611.70 bill, a police officer recounted.

A radio broadcaster commented that the driver had made a "proud statement" against the government's oil deregulation policies.

Police called the misdeed a case of estafa and are hunting down the gas thief who, reports said, could be among the 2,500 drivers plying the Aurora Hill-Plaza route here.

None of the drivers condoned the Thursday theft, saying most gasoline dealers here offer discounts or special arrangements with jeepney drivers who become regular customers.

"*Baka masira pa iyong aming transaksyon* (The theft could disrupt our arrangement)," a jeepney driver told the INQUIRER.

Police said the theft "was not really out of the ordinary," although their records showed it was the only crime of such nature recorded here in the last two years.

"We do not have enough data to make a comparison, so we cannot say it is a unique crime here. If you are a jeepney driver, you need the goodwill of gas stations because you sometimes need to borrow gasoline when you are in trouble," a police officer said.

Hansenites set standards of public service

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"Teachers have been so degraded this year. We are blamed for everything, most of which we don't know anything about," Cabanilla told the INQUIRER.

She said the election mess in Caloocan on May 14 took a heavy toll on the teachers, especially the Hansenites who had a more difficult time because of their affliction.

The thumb marking process alone takes much effort as some of them have lost part of their hands to leprosy, Cabanilla said. The seemingly simple tasks of shuffling papers, tearing ballot slips and toting ballot boxes proved extremely taxing.

But they dared not complain to the administrator, lest they be assigned to a far-flung area where they cannot expect assistance from other poll watchers and canvassers leery of their health condition.

And not only the Hansenite teachers went through hell.

The INQUIRER heard the story of Milet Pingol from a co-teacher at Quirino High School in Project 3, Quezon City, who had given her first aid.

Pingol's right thumb, at the spot where the fingerprint is taken, "ruptured" as though slit by an invisible razor.

The thin skin tissue just broke open under the sheer strain of holding a pen firmly for hours and having to press the ball point on the paper as hard as possible to make clear carbon duplicates.

"She's now resting and nursing her wound in her hometown in Tarlac. It's a cut about a centimeter long—can you believe that?" said social studies teacher Jessie Valdescona.

Pingol's cut may be superficial, but it literally wrote in blood the accounts of near-torture conditions endured by the country's public school teachers under an outmoded, stressful and all too often violent electoral process.

Compelled by law to render service during elections, and for meager pay that, adding insult to injury, comes late, they stretch to new limits the meaning of public service.

They set standards of sacrifice that make other government employees appear like loafers at their jobs.

Conscience

Teachers with leprosy can be excused from poll duty if they present a medical certificate to the education department attesting to the severity of their condition. But the process is too tedious, the teachers say.

"I had wanted to confine myself in the hospital during the elections, so I would not be compelled to serve," said Hansenite Danilo Benito, also of Tala High School, who has been serving since the mid-1980s. "But I had an attack of conscience, and I figured, why not do it one more time for the country? After all, I am still capable."

But this year's polls in Caloocan, one of Metro Manila's notorious election hot spots, proved too hot to handle not only for the Hansenites but also for other teachers.

After falling in line for election materials starting at 3 a.m. on May 14, the teachers, hungry and still without the necessary papers, were met by angry residents at the polling precincts. They got the blame for the local government's failure to provide the materials, which in turn caused the failure of elections in Caloocan.

Hansenite Gerry Asto said he and the other Tala teachers even hired a jeep to take them to City Hall North, where they were supposed to receive the materials as well as their allowance from the Commission on Elections at dawn. But everyone left empty-handed.

"What the government pays us will never be enough for what we go through every election," Asto said. "It will cover only the payment for the jeep we rented. We didn't even buy food because we were already short on money."

And the verbal abuse was an indignity that was hardly worth the pay.

Dioselyn Singson, not a Hansenite but also a teacher at Tala, had to endure harsh treatment from the candidates' supporters, who accused her of tampering with the ballots and went to the extent of taking her picture after she tried to transfer the ballot boxes to a safe place.

"It was a shameful situation, with even the street *tambay* yelling at you and accusing you of cheating," Singson said, adding:

"Why do they get our services when they don't trust us and have us guarded all the time?"

Two private armies nearly clashed at Tala early on May 15, terrifying the poll watchers and teachers on overtime work.

School faculty president Edwin Labaclado said the two contending political camps had their eyes on the votes from the nearly 100 precincts of the city's first district.

"It was the first time I was scared for my life when I had the ballot box. Even the police warned us to just crash into whoever blocks our way when we deliver the ballots," said Danilo Benito.

He added: "If somebody would just pitch in for us during elections, we would welcome them. We would even pay them more than what the government pays us, just so we can retire from this duty. The indignity and danger are just not worth it."

Work load

Lay aside the harassment the teachers suffer from partisan groups crying election fraud. Never mind the verbal abuse from kibitzers *et al.* Just consider their work load at the polling precincts especially when it's time to count the votes.

"You cannot just go and pee. You eat by swallowing, not chewing, your food. You go 28 hours without sleep. Your legs grow numb," said Jessie Valdescona, who has rendered poll service since 1992.

For the recent national and local polls, he said, it could take "four hours" to tabulate only 50 ballots.

The Omnibus Election Code actually "does not allow us to take a break, so as to prevent delay," said Valdescona's co-teacher France Castro.

"And consider the suffocating classrooms," she sighed.

To Rose Aquino, 60, an election "veteran" who started serving in the late 1970s, precinct work has become harder because "more and more documents are required" each time.

Aquino recalled the days when the teachers had to accomplish only two sets of tabulation forms. Now, at least in her precinct, "we had to make seven copies—for the Namfrel (National Citizens Movement for Free Elections), for the political parties…"

The teachers' agony during elections actually begins outside the precincts and before the actual voting starts.

Castro recalled: "Transportation has always been a problem. But this is the first time I heard about ballot boxes being fetched from the town hall using a garbage truck, with the teachers also in the truck."

This appalling sight was reported in Barangay Bagong Silang in Caloocan City, she said, adding: "The teachers there had no choice. They had no other ride."

"Lest we become targets of ballot box snatching, we get election materials together, in big groups," explained Valdescona.

"And as much as possible, we don't take public transport. It's already a risk to be seen carrying a ballot box, say in a public jeepney," he said.

For all that, morale is high.

"No, you won't be discouraged if teaching is something innate in you," said Valdescona.

Castro said with pride: "I think teachers (and not other government employees) get to serve during elections because we're the ones most trusted to keep the process honest and credible."

"Cheating is really impossible at the teachers' level," said the veteran Aquino, "because some poll watchers would snarl at you when they see you taking a (break) or whispering something to a colleague in the middle of the vote count."

Still no pay

According to the Alliance of Concerned Teachers, only around 5 percent of the 480,000 teachers who served in the elections have been paid—two weeks after the fact, and even after several appeals to the Comelec and the education department to release the money.

Members of the militant group have threatened to hold a metrowide picket at the opening of schools on June 4, if they are still not compensated by then. They have also urged Education Secretary Raul Roco to file charges against Comelec officials led by Chair Alfredo Benipayo for breach of contract.

"This is too much. People who blame the teachers all the time for the chaotic elections should sit in our place and serve. Then they would know what we go through," Danilo Benito said.

“Part of the reason why we’re a poor country is the high cost of electricity. Kaya mahal ang bilihin.”

"LET US SUPPORT OUR LEGISLATORS AS THEY PASS THE NEW POWER BILL IN A SPECIAL SESSION THIS MONTH.”

-President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo

We support the passage of the New Power Bill.

We recognize the present state of our electricity industry:

- The Philippines has one of the highest electricity prices in the region;
- The liabilities of the National Power Corporation represents 25% of our national debt and the company continues to receive subsidies of up to P16 billion a year;
- The energy sector needs investments worth $1 billion a year for the next 10 years and government cannot answer for this.

We also recognize that the best way to remedy the situation is to restructure the industry, privatize NPC and institutionalize competition through the Power Reform Bill. We are aware that electricity reform has the following potential benefits:

- Rationalized electricity prices for industrial consumers and lowered electricity prices for residential consumers resulting from better capital structures
- Immediate 5% rate rebate as mandated in the bill;
- Estimated welfare benefits amounting to P1000 per household per year
- As much as 500,000 new jobs brought about by additional investments due to lower electricity costs.

We believe that the bill should have enough safeguards to protect consumers through the reform process. These are:

- More safeguards for competition such as caps on the amounts of electricity a private distributor can buy from its affiliates, mandates on amounts of electricity that must be sourced from the spot market, caps on the market shares of generators to 30% per grid and 25% nationwide, and mandated structural and accounting separation of regulated and non-regulated industries.
- Non-automatic recovery of stranded costs of private distribution utilities;
- Lower levels for open access from 2 MW to 1 MW;
- Stronger powers for the regulator to prevent and redress market abuse;
- Benefits for electric cooperatives such as 5-year grace period before open access, concessional financing terms for acquiring NPC’s sub-transmission assets, and a program for condonation of existing liabilities.

We believe electricity reform is vital to the economic development of our country and that an improved bill containing the above should be carried out as soon as possible. We therefore support the president’s call for the immediate passage of a New Power Bill.

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PBL CUP

Welcoat upends Shark

By Dennis Eroa

DEFENDING champion Welcoat Paints rediscovered its old, fiery form as it whipped arch-rival Shark Energy Drink, 71-66, yesterday in the PBL Chairman's Cup quarterfinals at the Makati Coliseum.

The win shoved the Paintmasters to solo second spot with a 7-3 win-loss card in Group A. They also boosted their bid for the twice-to-beat privilege in the crossover semis.

Despite the loss, the Power Boosters, who are already assured of the twice-to-beat incentive, kept the top spot with a 9-2 slate. Shark confidently entered the ballgame knowing that it had beaten Welcoat in their last three encounters.

"Our adjustments clicked," said a beaming Welcoat coach Junel Baculi, who added the win was a big psychological lift as the Paintmasters braced for a repeat final showdown against Shark.

Shark deposed Welcoat, 4-3, in the best-of-seven Challenge Cup series in February.

Ren Ren Ritualo topscored with 17 points despite going scoreless in the fourth period. Jojo Manalo preserved Ritualo's big show as he scattered 12 of his 15 points in the fourth period where the Paintmasters broke away from a 57-57 deadlock.

RITUALO

Manalo scored seven straight points as Welcoat posted a 64-58 lead. Shark threatened at 61-64 on a triple by Warren Ybañez but Yancy de Ocampo and Celino Cruz came to Welcoat's rescue, 69-62, 47 ticks left.

Shark failed to crack Welcoat's zone defense as swingman Chester Tolomia, the MVP race frontrunner, struggled all-game long and finished with six points.

In the first game, Osaka Iridology drubbed Ateneo-Pioneer, 67-54, for its second win against nine losses.

The scores:

OSAKA 67—Daep 13, Magsumbol 12, Neil 10, Franco 8, Cabanayan 7, Wilson 5, Uy 4, Omolon 4, Cuan 2.

ATENEO-PIONEER 54—Sison 15, Villanueva 12, Alvarez 10, Quimpo 5, Tan Chi , Bugia 3, Ferrer 2, Victoria 2, Cruz 0, Antonio 0, Benitez 0.

Quarters: 15-13, 32-29, 48-40, 67-54.

WELCOAT 71—Ritualo 17, Manalo 15, De Ocampo 12, Cruz 11, Patrimonio 8, Tolentino 3, Canlas 2, Orfrecio 2, Tan 1.

SHARK 66—Sotto 18, Ybañez 16, Malabanan 11, Castro 6, Tolomia 6, Basilides 3, Ortega 3, Caceres 2, Robinson 1, Rodriguez 0, Balares 0.

Quarters: 23-11, 37-33, 51-49, 71-66.

Cookie 4th leg champ

COOKIE LaO picked up from where Southwoods teammate Angelo Que left off, turning back Del Monte's Marvin Dumandan in a final-round shootout to win the fourth leg of the Titleist-Footjoy National Amateur Circuit recently at the Tagaytay Highlands and Midlands courses.

Squaring off anew after their National amateurs confrontation, LaO still got the better of Dumandan as he fired a solid three-under-par 69 to win by three strokes in the men's championship class.

Dumandan, two behind after three rounds, shot a decent 70 but still fell three strokes short of LaO's 296 total.

Like LaO, Carmelette Villaroman also earned her first win in the series sponsored by Titleist and Footjoy and conducted by the National Golf Association of the Philippines.

Villaroman fired a last-round 71 to beat two-leg winner Ruby Chico-Walker by five with her 226 aggregate.

P. Quiocho, Agapito Lu and Beth Menchavez were the other winners in the other handicap divisions. Quiocho's 166 gave him a one-stroke victory over Lito Santos.

SPORTS ON TV

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BASKETBALL: NBA Inside Stuff at 7:30 a.m. (r) on Star Sports

1985 Los Angeles Lakers - Return to Glory at 2:30 p.m. on ESPN

Asian Basketball Show at 3:30 p.m. (r) on Star Sports

NBA Eastern Conference Finals – Sixers vs Bucks, Game 3 at 9 p.m. (r) and Western Conference Finals – Spurs vs Lakers, Game 4 tomorrow at 5:30 a.m. on ESPN

Eustaquio, Murakami prevail

ASIAN junior champion Judson Eustaquio and Artemio Murakami pulled off convincing victories in their respective divisions during the recent Riviera Jungolf Open, the penultimate leg of the annual Jungolf Summer Circuit.

Eustaquio's 230 aggregate gave him a seven-stroke victory over Justin Tambunting in Class B while Murakami kept his unbeaten run by beating Michael Bibat by 13 strokes in Class A with his 228 total.

The two were joined in the winners' circle by IG Gutierrez in Class C, John Kier Abdon in Class D and Joshua Uy in Class E. Winning in the girls side were Ersa Arriola in Class A, Jayvie Agojo in Class B, Linel de Villa in Class C, Debbie de Villa in Class D and Dottie Ardina in Class E.

Linel de Villa pulled off the biggest upset by ending the winning run of Gerileen Handog, taking a seven-shot win

Murakami and Agojo are the only unbeaten players going into next week's final leg of the series backed by Northwest Airlines as the official carrier at the Tat Filipinas course in San Pedro, Laguna.

The results.

Class A: Boys (228 A. Murakami, 241 M. Bibat, 242 M. Bibat, 248 Lee Seong Ki, 249 Jerwin Lim) Girls (253.E. Arriola, 288 G. Cruz)

Class B: Boys (230 J. Eustaquio, 237 J. Tambunting, 239 L. Negrido, 241 Cho Min Gyu, 247 C. Santos-Ocampo) Girls (256 J. Agojo, 263 M. Salivio)

Class C: Boys (233 IG Gutierrez, 243 M. Alejandro, 248 M. Yee, 259 A. Guy, 261 A. Sanchez) Girls (275 L. de Villa, 282 G. Handog)

Class D: Boys (201 J. Abdon, 218 N. Sevilla, 226 RG Medistomas, 227 A. Eustaquio, 239 B. Sumampong) Girls (240 D. De Villa, 291 T. Exconde)

Class E: Boys (189 J. Uy, 192 E. Kishida, 193 W. Superal, 194 A. Datingaling, 197 M. Tabuena, J. Carlos, R. Gonzales) Girls (212 D. Ardina, 241 I. Tsuchihashi)

Prieto Cup at MJC today

WIND Blown will be the overwhelming favorite when the Prieto Cup–the 24th renewal of the Manila Jockey Club, Inc.'s 1867 Founders' Cup Stakes race–gets going today at the the San Lazaro Hippodrome

The P600,000 Prieto Cup banners an impressive lineup of races at the country's premier race club which marks its 134th founding anniversary with a commemorative card in tribute to the club's original founders

"The management and staff of the Manila Jockey Club, Inc. join the rest of the local horse racing industry in honoring the memory of the pioneer horsemen who organized the first horse racing club in the Far East in 1867," said MJCI president Alfonso R. Reyno Jr.

Challenging Wind Blown, the former Sandy Javier galloper who last won in the First Lady Silver Cup, in the 1,900-meter event are last year's champion older horse Gold Edition, stakes winner Materials Fuertes, stakes race veteran Super Sharp, proven handicap campaigner Master Ijhay and the speedy Project Genesis

Being a handicap event, Wind Blown is set to carry the top weight of 58 kg, giving away four kilograms to the next highest rated entry in the field.

This year's running of the 1867 Founders' Cup has been so renamed as the Prieto Cup in honor of the distinguished members of the Prieto family who have long played an important part in the club's rich and colorful history

Members of the Prieto family, led by MJCI chair emeritus Leopoldo L. Prieto, have been invited to grace the occasion and award the coveted 1867 Founders' Cup to the owner of the winning entry.

Gomez, Mendoza share chess honors

AFTER nine grueling rounds, NM John Paul Gomez and woman IM Beverly Mendoza bannered the list of newly crowned titlists in the 2001 National Age Group Chess Championships held at the Kaban ng Hiyas Auditorium in Mandaluyong City yesterday

Gomez, who just turned 15 last Tuesday, used the Sicilian Dragon to beat La Salle-Taft's Ariel Aton and dominate the 38-player Under 20 field.

Mendoza, an incoming political science junior at the Araullo University-Cabanatuan, capped her stint by drawing with fellow Istanbul Olympian Leah Bernardo (6.0) in 15 moves of French Defense to finish with seven points in the Girls Under-20 bracket.

SPORTSWATCH

SMB-Gin finals on '13'

IN RESPONSE to fans' requests, Viva Vintage Sports will be airing a three-part television special on the recent San Miguel Beer-Barangay Ginebra PBA All-Filipino Cup Finals beginning today from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on IBC-13. Spread over 9 ½ hours, the three-part "Road to the PBA Finals" will relive one of the most closely watched PBA championships in history. Part One today looks back at the PBA All-Filipino Cup eliminations and quarterfinals. Part Two, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, will cover the semifinals. Part Three, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, features the championship round.

Australia faces Russia

DUSSELDORF, Germany—Australia were beaten 2-1 by Germany in the final series of round-robin matches at the World Team Cup on Friday, but still advanced to the final where they will take on Russia. Nicolas Kiefer rallied to defeat Patrick Rafter 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 and Tommy Haas then outlasted Lleyton Hewitt 7-6 (7/5), 3-6, 6-3 to give Germany a clean sweep of the singles, but a 6-3, 6-2 win by Rafter and Wayne Arthurs over Haas and David Prinosil allowed Australia to top their group. *AFP*

Milo chessers to HK

A TEAM composed of seven Milo Checkmate kids will fly to Hong Kong on May 31 for a series of goodwill matches for their first international sojourn. The seven, who topped the selection tournament during the finals held in March, are 9-year-old Gabby Layugan of Ateneo, 10-year-old Amram Ezra Rivas of F. Guerrero Elem School, 11-year-old Rommelle delos Santos of Angelicum, 11-year-old Bruce Alfred Reyes of OB Montessori-Sta. Ana, 12-year-old Angelo Macaraig of Letran, 14-year-old Emmanuel Emperado of St. James College of Parañaque and 16-year-old Franz Enrico Cruz of San Sebastian College.

Scuba diving show up

UNLIMITED Diving, the first and weekly scuba diving show in the Philippines, is aired every Monday 10-10:30 p.m. over TV 11. Featuring first class Philippine dive sites, exciting fish identification competitions, scuba trivia, dictionary, diving tips by scuba instructors, latest scuba gears, this unique show is hosted by Malou Maglutac Chongbian and sponsored by Verde Island Resort and Scubaworld and produced by Mukha TV Sports.

Cavite karting on tap

AFTER almost one and a half months of inactivity due to the recent national elections, the country's top karters return to action in the fourth leg of the Shell Super Karting Championships today at the Carmona Racing Circuit in Carmona, Cavite.

Jeff Cabalinan, Mike Francisco, Allan Uy, Victor Yap, Alvin Drueco and Dado Pena seek to repeat their smashing victories in their respective categories last month and boost their chances in this annual series organized by Carmona Circuit Phils. in cooperation with Pilipinas Shell.

Cabalinan is slightly favored over first-leg winner Jess Garcia and second-leg titlist Pepon Marave in the centerpiece Formula Super A category of this event also sponsored by Match Box/Hot Wheels, Nokia, Bridgestone, Eastway Racing, Demvel's Enterprises and Coca-Cola.

Francisco is also picked over Angelo Barretto and Bert Neuhof in the Demvel's Enterprises-sponsored Formula 125; Uy is favored over Mario Cunanan and actor-sportsman Dominic Ochoa in the intercon; Yap is tipped over Oliver Yao and Dennis Almuete in the FSL Heavy.

A man of honor

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

MARHO head Aristeo "Putch" Puyat wrote us to react on a letter which we printed here recently Here it is:

Dear Edwin,

Back home after a long business trip overseas, I was taken aback and saddened when I read your April 22 "One Winner" column titled "Lameduck Chairman" in which you published the letter of one Allan Abad who called Andrew Sanchez a game-fixer when the latter was a pelotari.

This false accusation was unfortunate because I can swear that Andrew Sanchez was a good and honest pelotari. He is a long-time friend and I, as a jai-alai aficionado myself, know by heart his record and achievements at the fronton. He started playing in 1960s carrying the name "Filipino" who, at the height of his popularity, was adored by jai-alai fans with the same ardor that Barangay Ginebra fans idolized Jaworski.

Andrew was elevated to Class Senior A from 1965 to 1976 during which he started at No. 6 most of the time, a recognition of his being the best pelotari at that time. Age eventually caught up with him in 1977 and his rating slipped down to class Senior B until his retirement from the fronton in 1982.

During his entire career as a pelotari, Andrew was never suspended nor reprimanded for not trying to win. He always fought hard for every point which endeared him to his legions of fans. Records at the Games and Amusements Board (GAB), which controlled jai-alai then, can attest to this and show that Andrew Sanchez was the best Filipino pelotari of all time who reaped honor for his countrymen by showing the Spaniards that Filipinos can excel and be better than they in their own game.

In horseracing, Andrew has achieved success and reached heights which are hard to equal. He is the only owner to race back-to-back Triple Crown champions, Time Master and Magic Showtime. He has won no less than 10 legs of the Triple Crown series; 4 Presidential Gold Cups and about 30 other major stakes races. Not once has any of his horses been sanctioned for any major infraction.

As vice president for racing in the Metropolitan Association of Race Horse Owners (Marho) for many years, he has ably and honorably represented horseowners in matters vital to their interests. Andrew Sanchez is a winner, a good sportsman and, above all, a man of honor. And now, by a false and malicious e-mail the good reputation he built for over 30 years has been tarnished.

As for your writer's other allegation, that Commissioner Ramon Balatbat has already been convicted by the Ombudsman, we all know that the Ombudsman cannot convict and can only charge public officials before the Sandiganbayan which, again, shows how utterly wrong he was.

For the record it was Commissioner Balatbat who prepared the horseracing industry's position paper in its request for a reduction in taxes during the term of President Cory Aquino. This brought about the promulgation of EO 194 which lowered taxes but, more importantly, increased the horseowners' share in the gross sales from 6.5 percent to 8.5 percent and placed them on the same level with the racing club in terms of share in the gross sales. Today, not only horseowners but also trainers, jockeys and grooms enjoy the benefits derived from EO 194.

I hope you, my dear friend Edwin, did not share Mr. Abad's misgivings against my two friends and would publish this letter of mine in fairness to Messrs. Sanchez and Balatbat.

Very truly yours,
ARISTEO G. PUYAT
Marho President

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The AMA Education System (AMAES) composed of the AMA Computer College (AMACC), AMA Computer Learning Center (ACLC) and the AMA Telecommunications and Electronics Center (AMATEL) is ranked as the Number 1 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) school in the Philippines. This is according to the recent survey conducted by CHED Commissioner Manuel D. Punzal. According to his research findings AMA is the best among the schools that offer ICT education in the country, even besting all the other top universities.

The results of the survey were presented by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) during the 4th Higher Education National Congress held just last May 17, 2001 at the Manila Midtown Hotel in a report delivered by Dr. Punzal entitled "The State and Direction of Information and Communications Technology Education in Philippine Tertiary Education".

Peer-to-Peer Nominations

The survey was fashioned as a **"Peer To Peer Nominations"** where 217 respondent schools distributed over CHED's nationwide network ranked the leading educational institutions offering ICT education including themselves, if applicable, answering to the criteria on quality of infrastructure and the teaching-learning process. The respondents had to rank the schools from 1-5 where 1 is the highest and 5 is the lowest.

Most of the respondents, 83.26% of the total, came from the private higher education institutions (HEIs) and 16.74% from the state universities and colleges (SUCs). The questionnaires were accomplished mostly by school presidents from both sectors, followed by administrative directors and deans, usually the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) heads.

AMA Computer College is Most Recommended School

According to the survey, AMA ranked highest as the "Most Recommended School" among its peers over De La Salle University (DLSU), which ranked second; Systems Technology Institute (STI), third; Ateneo De Manila University (ADMU), fourth, and; the University of the Philippines (UP), which ranked fifth among the recommendations.

AMA Founder Dr. Amable R. Aguiluz V was very pleased with the AMA ranking saying, "It is a great honor for AMA to be recognized as the Number 1 ICT school in the Philippines by no less than the government office which has the most credibility in ranking schools in the tertiary level," referring to CHED. Today, AMA has grown into an educational system that counts more than 40 colleges and 160 learning centers all over the Philippines in its network of educational institutions.

AMA International Affiliates

AMA Education System EVP Manuel F. Abad attributed the ballooning of the AMAES into the best and largest computer-based education system in the country largely to its global partners which have been very supportive of the thrusts of the AMAES in providing Filipinos the best ICT education in the country, the kind of education that will enable them not only to compete but also to excel in the ICT world here and abroad.

These international affiliates include Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, AVAYA Communications, SmartForce e-learning, Cisco Systems Networking Academy, the American League of Colleges and Universities (ACLU), National Computing Center of the United Kingdom (NCC-UK), Kensington College of Business-United Kingdom, Association of Business Executives- United Kingdom (ABE-UK), The University Of California At Berkeley (U.C. Berkeley) and California Accredited Schools Association (CASA).

AMA Introduces E-Learning and Holistic Basic Education

AMA Computer College now also has the following: a) the SMARTFORCE e-learning resource library where students get a chance to earn a degree online, b) a programming center which teaches students hands-on experience in programming to supplement the theories they learn in school, and c) an experimentation-based approach to teaching math and science adapted from the curriculum of the University of California at Berkeley, Lawrence Hall of Science.

AMAES classes start June 4. For those who still want to enroll, enrollment is extended until June 13. For more information call, the AMAES Marketing Department at 373 9920 or 372 6439. Look for Bobby Bausanta for AMACC and Pinky Custodio for ACLC and AMATEL.

SWS Survey Cites AMA Computer College: Most Recommended Computer School in the Philippines

50% Of all respondents recommend AMA Computer College

AMA FOUNDER DR. AMABLE R. AGUILUZ V
DURING THE 17th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD AT PICC

In a national survey conducted by the Social Weather Stations (SWS), one of the country's foremost and most trusted social research organizations, AMA Computer College garnered the highest percentage points (AMA=50%, among 18 schools cited, including top universities like La Salle, Ateneo and the University of the Philippines) as the most recommended computer school in the country today. The survey, conducted during the second quarter of last year (June 20 – July 7, 2000) on a nationwide scale, also observes a tremendous increase of from 39% (in March 2000) to 50% (June-July 2000) of respondents recommending AMA Computer College

Undertaken in the wake of the "I Love You" virus controversy, the study was designed to ascertain the levels of trust and confidence ascribed by the general public to various computer-based educational institutions, both public and private. In a parallel question, 56% of all "aware" respondents registered "Much Trust" in AMA as opposed to 13% "Little Trust" and 29% "Undecided" to arrive at a net trust rating of 43% for the AMA Education System. The original "I Love You" virus theses was disapproved by the academic committee of AMA Computer College on the grounds that the program was designed to "steal" passwords from the infected computer units, not as a security-check program, but as an "illegal acquisition" program. As a policy, AMA Computer College promotes the highest standards of ethical practice in the field of Information Technology.

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3 RP boxers pocket gold

DARWIN, Australia—The Philippines ruled three of the four finals of boxing Friday night and moved up to ninth in the overall standings with a day left in the 2001 Arafura Games here. Lightflyweight Rico Laput, flyweight Welbert Eballes and bantamweight Deck Varron each won gold medals in their respective class to bring the Philippines' six-day medal harvest to seven golds, 10 silvers and three bronzes.

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Lakers go for sweep tomorrow

LOS ANGELES —They are playing with playoff perfection en route to a championship trophy with no blemishes.

With a 111-72 rout of the San Antonio Spurs on Friday night, the Los Angeles Lakers erased any doubt that they could become the first NBA team to sweep its way through the playoffs.

Led by the superstar duo that has gone from a family feud to an incomparable on-court partnership, the defending champions have won 18 in a row, 10 this postseason.

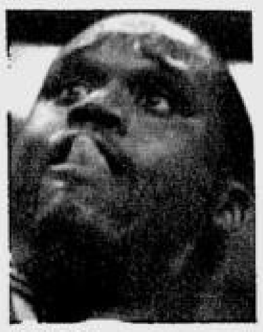
Shaquille O'Neal had 35 points and 17 rebounds, while Kobe Bryant had 36 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, as the Lakers embarrassed a Spurs team that compiled the best record in the NBA regular season, only to be dominated by Los Angeles.

The Lakers lead the Western Conference finals 3-0 and can complete a sweep with a homecourt victory on Sunday (Monday in Manila).

The only remaining drama is whether anyone can beat Los Angeles, even once.

Los Angeles' 10-0 run is the best in the playoffs since the 1989 Lakers went 11-0, only to lose Magic Johnson and Byron Scott to injuries and be swept by Detroit in the finals.

It might take that kind of calamity to slow these Lakers.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BRYANT

No team has come back from being down 3-0 to win a series, and the others who tried were playing mere mortals, not a Los Angeles team that is improving each time it takes the court.

Derek Fisher scored 13 points and Rick Fox had 11 for Los Angeles. *AP*

Doubtful starter

Meanwhile, Allen Iverson's injured tailbone might force him to miss Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Iverson flew with the Philadelphia 76ers to Milwaukee on Friday afternoon, and when asked if he would play Saturday (Sunday in Manila), replied: "Doubt it."

"I'll make a final decision tomorrow," Iverson said from the team plane.

Sixers coach Larry Brown preferred Iverson stay home and get more rest. *AP*

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Messenger gets death for killing UP law professor A26

Berroya cops fired first–CIDG

BERROYA

By Michael Lim Ubac

MEMBERS of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group on Friday pointed to the 11 lawmen of the Philippine National Police Intelligence Group as the ones who shot and killed the chief steward of the New World Hotel and a young woman on May 17.

The six CIDG men on Friday went to the National Bureau of Investigation to clear their names. They executed statements denying charges that they deliberately killed hotel executive Fernando Lozada, 48, and Marian Uson, 18, on May 17.

The six men—SPO4 Pirado Panada, SPO3s Fortunato Lachica, Raymund Reyes and Ramil Jose, SPO1 Nereo Torre, and PO2 Henry Bertillo—said they acted only as a backup force.

But the 11 IG men, led by Supt. Edgar Iglesia, failed to show up at the NBI to refute the charges.

Lawyer Oscar Embido, chief of the NBI Intelligence and Special Operations Division which is handling the case, said the PNP-IG men called him up and asked that their appearance "be rescheduled on Monday" instead.

Embido declined to cite the reasons why the IG men failed to appear on Friday. He only said he was giving the 11 men the benefit of doubt.

The ISOD subpoenaed the CIDG and IG men to establish whether they violated the PNP's Rules of Engagement when they fired on the car of Lozada.

The investigation would also establish whether IG chief Senior Supt. Reynaldo Berroya would be held liable for the killings.

On Wednesday, Ombudsman Aniano Desierto announced that he was "taking direct charge" of the investigation of the case involving Berroya and his men.

Desierto, however, has yet to subpoena the agents.

Aside from Superintendent Iglesia, those who failed to appear before the agency for questioning were Police Officers I Frederick Taala, John Bolatin, Arnold Solas and Cherrylyn Tundayag; Chief Insp. James Mejia, Senior Insp. Edwin Portencio, Insps. Preston Bangandan, Cesar Pangda, Christine Tabdi and a certain Inspector Ye.

Embido said the statements of the six CIDG members would be compared with those of the IG agents once they show up on Monday.

Aside from the statements of the CIDG, ISOD agents are now evaluating the testimonies of ven witnesses to the crime.

Lozada, his daughter Clarissa Frances, 17, and her friend Uson, were on board a blue Mitsubishi Lancer when the IG and CIDG lawmen flagged it down on Araneta Avenue in Quezon City about 8:30 p.m. on May 17, according to the police report.

Police said the CIDG and IG men were pursuing the suspected kidnappers of Mark Harry

BERROYA/ A26

DOLE probes Manila Times labor row

JIMENEZ

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Employment on Friday began the investigation into the labor problems allegedly plaguing The Manila Times, owned by businessman and congressman-elect Mark Jimenez.

Labor official Napoleon Santos visited The Manila Times offices at the Ma. Natividad Building on T.M. Kalaw Street, Ermita, Manila, to get a complete list of employees from Daren Abcede, the paper's vice president.

But the labor official was only provided a partial list, the INQUIRER learned.

Manila Times workers have been complaining about the delay in the remittance of their salaries and benefits, even after management promised to pay them in full.

The workers were then forced to come out with a petition demanding the "immediate payment" of their wages.

In the petition, the workers also accused management of not remitting the employees' Social Security System premiums on time and of reneging on their health insurance.

Because of the delay in their salaries, some employees were forced to take out SSS loans. But to their surprise, their loan applications were also delayed because management had not been remitting the premiums regularly.

Also, employees who had to be hospitalized were dismayed to find out their health insurance was not paid.

The labor department warned that the non-remittance of SSS premiums is a separate offense and would result in additional penalties for the company.

After the labor official's visit, the company's executive vice president Marcel Crespo, son of Jimenez, promised to pay the employees' their delayed salaries. Wages for the first half of this month would be paid on Tuesday while the salaries for the second half would be paid on the 30th of this month.

Crespo also promised to pay the wages of city and provincial correspondents who reportedly had not been paid since March.

Management also promised to remit their SSS premiums and health insurance.

"He promised us he would fix everything," an employee told the INQUIRER.

Crespo explained to workers he had not been going to the Times' office because he had to see to the campaign of his father.

Crespo's promises boosted the workers' morale, said the employee who requested anonymity.

"We just hope management will stick to their promises and pay us what is essentially ours," said the employee. "We worked for that money and most of us are already in debt. Add to that, enrolment is coming up. We need that money."

Times City Editor Inday Varona also expressed hope that management would live up to its promises.

"We haven't run out of goodwill and patience. We are still working because we are professionals."

NBI men beat up cop moonlighting as taxi driver

By Jerome Aning

A MANILA policeman moonlighting as a taxi driver yesterday filed a complaint against seven agents of the National Bureau of Investigation for allegedly beating him up Wednesday night.

Police identified the suspects as Flor Resurrecion, Orlando Enriquez, Allan Linol, Gary Ruiz, Leo del Rosario and two other unidentified men.

PO3 Joseph Abraham, 36, of the Western Police District's tactical operation center, said the suspects, all agents of the NBI's Anti-Illegal Recruitment Division, tried to flag him down on Cabildo corner Soriano streets, Intramuros around 8:30 p.m.

But Abraham said he was already late for work and was rushing to get to the Western Police District headquarters.

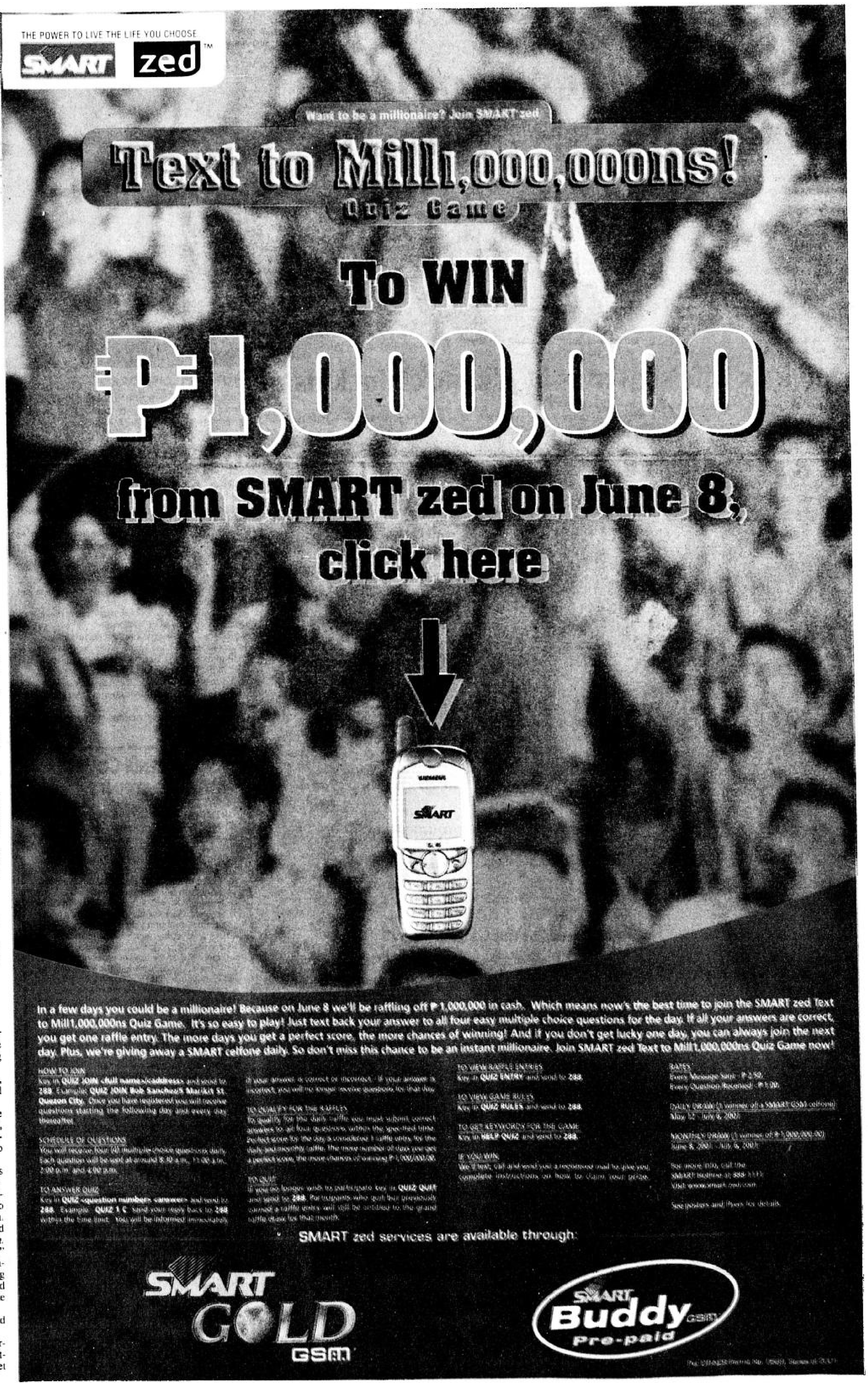
Abraham, who even introduced himself as a policeman, was trying to explain this to the suspects when two of them quickly boarded his cab and began insulting him.

One of the suspects pulled out his NBI badge and slapped the policeman with it, saying, "*Pulis ka lang, eh. Kami* NBI (You're just a policeman while we are NBI)."

Offended, PO3 Abraham pulled out his .9 mm-service pistol which sent the two suspects scampering toward the Commission on Elections building. He said he went on his way but because of the slow traffic, the suspects managed to catch up with him.

The agents surrounded the policeman's cab, dragged him out and reportedly beat him black and blue.

WPD policemen on board a mobile patrol unit arrived on the scene minutes later and stopped the beating. The suspects were initially detained but were set free for still undetermined reason.



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ASISTIO

Comelec stops proclamation in Caloocan

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE COMMISSION on Election (Comelec) on Friday suspended the proclamation of winning candidates in Caloocan City.

The Comelec issued the order pending the resolution of the petition to declare a failure of election in Caloocan filed by mayoral candidate Rep. Luis "Baby" Asistio and other opposition members.

The decision to suspend the proclamation dealt a big blow to Malonzo who had proclaimed himself winner even before the Comelec reached half-way its canvassing of votes. Posters bearing congratulatory messages to Malonzo have also been posted at the facade of City Hall.

The canvassing of votes will continue, according to Comelec.

City Prosecutor Ramon Rodrigo, vice chair of the board of canvassers, also clarified that the Comelec order was not a temporary restraining order on the proclamation.

The order, however, is expected to heighten tension between supporters of Asistio and reelectionist Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo.

Both camps have trooped in front of the City Hall to throw in their support to the politicians.

The presence of Marine troops in City Hall has kept the situation under control, Rodrigo said.

The Asistio camp asked for the declaration of an election failure due to alleged massive fraud and disenfranchisement of voters on May 14.

Bishop Teodoro Bacani, district bishop for northern Manila, also called for an investigation of the election fiasco.

Unruly distribution of election materials delayed and even postponed elections in many Caloocan precincts.

Malonzo, who had trailed Asistio early in the counting, began pulling away when the Comelec started canvassing votes from the city's first district, said to be the mayor's bailiwick.

MALONZO

He has posted a 19,553 lead over Asistio in the latest Comelec count, with 100,658 votes against Asistio's 81,105.

Asistio's older brother, former Mayor Macario "Boy" Asistio Jr., was also trailing Councilor Edgar Erice—34,185 to 35,532—in the race for district 2 congressman.

Vice Mayor Oscar Malapitan, who defected to the Asistio camp last year, was losing the congressional race in the first district against Malonzo's partymate, Rep. Enrico Echiverri—31,187 to 53,866.

Malonzo's running mate, ex-basketball referee Tito Varela, was leading former Rep. Roberto Guanzon in the vice mayoral race. Varela had 136,219 while Guanzon got only 53,456.

'Racial war' brews in immigration jail

By Alcuin Papa

A RACIAL war appears to be brewing inside the Bureau of Immigration detention center in Bicutan, Taguig where foreigners who have been accused of violating the country's immigration laws are detained.

Canadian inmate Raymond Jackson yesterday appealed to Bureau of Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo and the Commission on Human Rights to step in and "stop the violence that might claim lives needlessly in the next few days."

"The inmates are just getting so frustrated with their detention. This is being expressed through violence. In here, it's one race against another," Jackson said.

He explained that most of the inmates, who have also accused immigration officials of trying to extort money from them, believe that they have been arbitrarily arrested and detained.

Jackson added that some detainees have been detained at the center for years without any hope of a fair trial or any other way to seek redress for their grievances.

Inmates, Jackson said, have also complained of the poor conditions inside the detention center and the lack of medical treatment for their ailments.

At present, there are about 200 inmates from different countries detained inside the BI jail.

Jackson said that Asian inmates, particularly Koreans, have been quarreling with Africans, and the conflict is threatening to spill over to other racial groups.

He said that he himself was beaten up by a group of Koreans after they thought him to be cottoning up to prison officials. Other clashes between racial groups have also occurred in the last few days, Jackson said.

Man sentenced to death for killing UP professor

A MARIKINA court judge on Friday sentenced to death the suspect in the 1999 killing of a University of the Philippines College of Law professor.

Regional Trial Court Judge Ruben De La Cruz of Branch 272 sentenced to death Leoson Dela Cruz for the murder of lawyer and UP law professor Julianna Ricalde in the early morning of Nov. 20, 1999.

Dela Cruz was also sentenced to life after he was also found guilty of frustrated murder for attacking Ricalde's husband Pelagio.

In his decision, Judge Dela Cruz gave weight to the positive identification of Pelagio and his daughter Rebecca of the accused as the person who attacked the couple. At the time of his arrest, the accused was also found wearing a shirt stained with the blood of his victim, according to court records.

Judge Dela Cruz noted that the attack was carried out with "treachery" since the accused used a fake ID to enter the couple's village. He also said that Pelagio was attacked from behind and that the couple was "not in a position to defend themselves or retaliate as they were unarmed."

"Neither had they (the couple) caused any provocation to the accused to do such bestial acts. The circumstances which rendered the victims unable and unprepared to defend themselves by reason of the suddenness and severity of the attacks, demonstrate and constitute treachery," the judge ruled.

He also ordered the accused to pay the heirs of the victim a total of P400,000 in moral and exemplary damages.

The accused Dela Cruz has been a messenger in Ricalde's law office since 1997, but was dismissed in July 1999 for an unspecified reason.

On the day of the murder, Dela Cruz went to the Ricaldes residence to ask for a letter of recommendation.

But at the gate, Dela Cruz suddenly pulled out a knife and stabbed Pelagio.

Julian heard Pelagio's cries and ran toward her husband. But the accused turned on Juliana and stabbed her dead, the records said.

Alcuin Papa

Man kills wife's lover as he tries to claim kids

By Jerome Aning

A CONSTRUCTION worker who barged into his estranged wife's house to claim his two children on Friday night allegedly stabbed to death his wife's new live-in lover in Sampaloc, Manila.

Ben Magallanes, 36, of 3447 San Jose St., Sampaloc, suffered three stab wounds in the chest and did not reach the Ospital ng Sampaloc alive, police said.

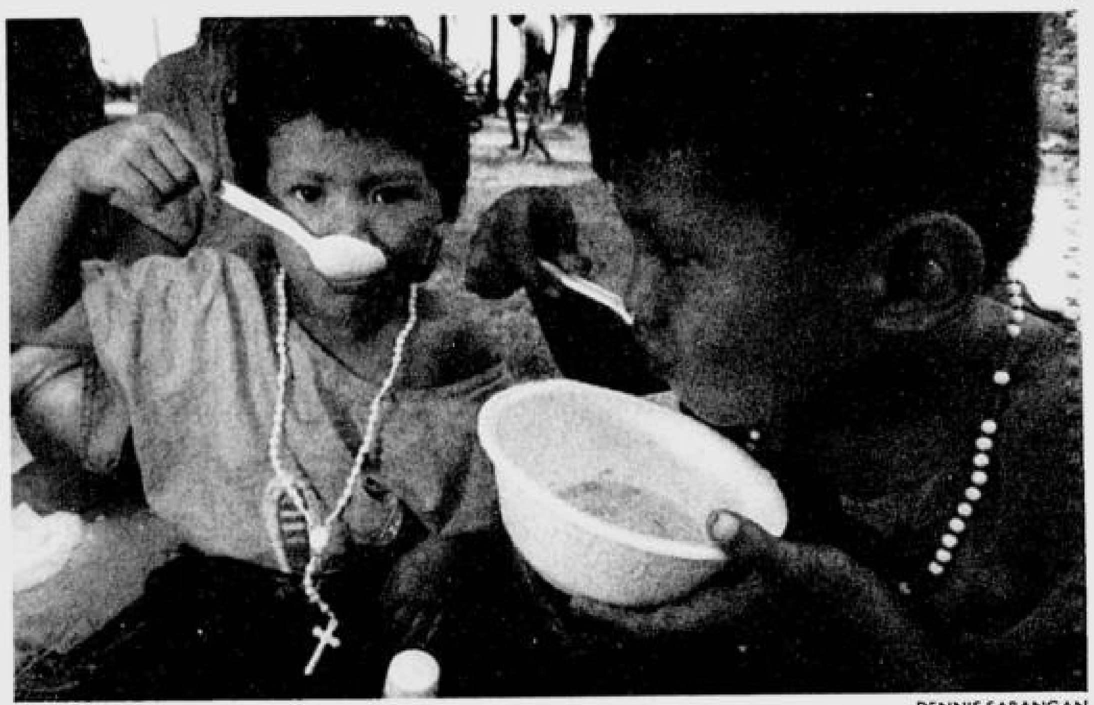
Police said construction worker Raymundo Endaya, 34, barged into the house of his wife Josephine Castillo about 11:30 p.m. on Friday when she opened the door to a neighbor identified only as Esther.

Unknown to Castillo, Endaya had been waiting in front of the house with a fan knife and took the opportunity to enter the house, police said.

Police said Endaya, who wanted to take with him his two children, began to harangue Castillo, who refused to give them up. The commotion woke up Magallanes who came to Castillo's rescue.

But Endaya turned on Magallanes and stabbed him, police said.

Endaya escaped after the stabbing, but was arrested two hours later by SPO3 Victor Miparanum and SPO1 Virgo Villareal of the Western Police District homicide section after they learned that he was hiding inside a house at 56 V. Cruz St.Endaya was charged with murder and assault on a person of authority and is now detained at the WPD-Integrated Jail.



DENNIS SABANGAN

HUNGRY CHILDREN

Sampaguita, 5, and her brother Jovit, 7, enjoy a hot meal, probably their first in many days and their last for days to come. The two are among countless street children on the stretch of Roxas Boulevard in Manila, who depend on the kindness of strangers.

Berroya . . .

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Bacalla at the time. They mistook the Lancer of Lozada for the escape vehicle of the kidnappers.

The 23-year-old Bacalla, son of a former Quezon City judge, was abducted after attending a classmate's party at Fairview, Quezon City on May 2.

Bacalla was later killed in Cupayo, Nueva Ecija.

Lozada, seeing armed men blocking his path, drove through the blockade, prompting Berroya's men and the CIDG to tail the car.

Lozada even made a U-turn and "nearly ran over an agent," according to a CIDG man.

Berroya's men fired on the car, instantly killing Lozada and wounding Uson. When the lawmen were right in front of the victims' car they again sprayed it with bullets, police said.

Uson was hit on the head and died three days later. Clarissa only suffered minor injuries from glass splinters.

Recovered from the victims' car were .45 caliber and 9 mm pistol shells.

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

CRIMINAL LAW (AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES)—Conspiracy—Conspiracy among the accused was established with moral certainty from the attendant facts. All of them were at the scene of the crime. They were united in one common end—to assault and kill the victim—and by their concerted act, they were also united in the consummation of the evil plan. There is conspiracy when 2 or more persons come to an agreement concerning the commission of a felony and decide to commit it. For conspiracy to exist, it is not required that there be an agreement for an appreciable period prior to the occurrence; it is sufficient that at the time of the commission of the offense, the accused had the same purpose and were united in their execution. Direct proof of previous agreement to commit a crime is not necessary. It may be deduced from the mode and manner in which the offense was perpetrated, or inferred from the acts of the accused which point to a joint purpose and design, concerted action and community of interest. [Citations omitted.] [Chief Justice Davide, Jr., People v. Sualog, G.R. No. 134310, November 15, 2000]

Digest by R.B. Vera

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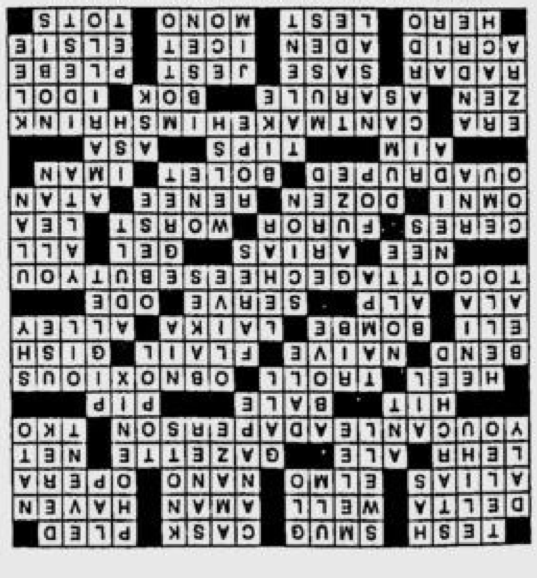

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, May 27, 2001
Ascension Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first part of my work, Theophilus, I wrote of all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he ascended to heaven.

But first he had instructed through the Holy Spirit the apostles he had chosen. After his passion, he presented himself to them, giving many signs that he was alive; over a period of forty days he appeared to them and taught them concerning the kingdom of God. Once when he had been eating with them, he told them, "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the fulfillment of the Father's promise about which I have spoken to you: John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit within a few days."

When they had come together, they asked him, "Is it now that you will restore the Kingdom of Israel?" And he answered, "It is not for you to know the time and the steps, which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the earth."

After Jesus said this, he was taken up before their eyes and a cloud hid him from their sight. While they were still looking up to heaven where he went, suddenly, two men dressed in white stood beside them and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking up at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven, will return in the same way as you have seen him go there."

2nd Reading: Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Christ did not enter some sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself. He is now in the presence of God on our behalf. He had not to offer himself many times, as the High Priest does: he who may return every year, because the blood is not his own. Otherwise he would have suffered many times from the creation of the world. But no; he manifested himself only now at the end of the ages, to take away sin by sacrifice, and, as humans die only once and afterwards are judged, in the same way Christ sacrificed himself once to take away the sins of the multitude. There will be no further question of sin when he comes again to save those waiting for him.

So, my friends, we are assured of entering the Sanctuary by the blood of Jesus who opened for us this new and living way passing through *the curtain*, that is, his body. Because we have a high priest in charge of the House of God, let us approach with a sincere heart, with full faith, interiorly cleansed from a bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to our hope without wavering, because he who promised is faithful.

Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to the eleven, "You see what was written: the Messiah had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead. Then repentance and forgiveness in his name would be proclaimed to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Now you shall be witnesses to this. And this is why I will send you what my Father promised. So remain in the city until you are invested with power from above."

Jesus led them almost as far as Bethany; then he lifted up his hands and blessed them. And as he blessed them, he withdrew (and was taken to heaven. They worshiped him). They returned to Jerusalem full of joy and were continually in the Temple praising God.

Commentary:

Since the disciples were dull and slow of understanding, Jesus had to repeatedly affirm them in their faith in him to be truly alive through his manifold appearances. Today's feast refers to the very last one of those. The apostles will have now to proclaim and do what they had heard Jesus proclaiming and what they had witnessed him doing. They were to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. This process is expected also of us baptized believers. Having been instructed these past weeks that the Christ is alive in us through our baptismal consecration, we are summoned to share this reality in all our relations.

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Aga braces for marriage, children and more work

MANY things are keeping Aga Muhlach occupied these days—golf, movie-making, his foundation for the deaf, (STEAM DFPI), his television sitcoms, and his coming marriage to Charlene Gonzales.

"Every time I see Charlene smiling, I feel all the stress leave my system," Aga says with eyes twinkling.

At the same time, Aga says of marriage: "Somehow, everything about it still seems unreal. Because I have done it many times in my movies, I have not been able to fully digest its essence."

He admits that all the excitement and anticipation has brought him a lot of stress and pressure. The May 28 wedding, after all, is a big production in itself, a three-day celebration that starts with a golf tournament that is co-sponsored by Pas-cual Laboratories Inc., makers of Po-tencee.

Aga says starting the celebration with a round of golf would encourage his family and friends to take up the sport.

The second day will have a Holy Mass followed by cocktails. On the third day is the big event itself, the wedding.

Aga copes by diverting himself by playing golf, spending an hour in meditation, or just lazing around with Charlene in his sprawling home in Alabang.

"I also conscientiously take Potencee Vitamin C daily," he stresses. He is convinced that Potencee cleanses his body of impurities that come with his hectic life-style. It gives him an energy boost and protection.

Aside from his forthcoming wedding, Aga has other reasons to take at least 500 mg of Potencee Vitamin C regularly, including his regular taping schedules, fittings for the wedding, helping Charlene with the wedding arrangements, and all his other projects.

Aga knows there will be a lot of changes in his life after the marriage. "I would probably spend more time at home," he says.

He adds, jokingly, that he and Charlene also have to focus on their "joint project."

"If it were up to me, I would like to have kids right away," he says.

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'The West Wing,' starts new season

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

WHEN "The West Wing" started telecasting here last year, we made it a point to watch the show because it was a particularly intelligent, creative and involving production. This was only fitting, because the show is about the goings-on at the office of the president of the United States (played by **Martin Sheen**).

Unfortunately, the show ran out of new episodes, so we had to do without it for some months. Luckily, the program's new season started on Studio 23 recently, so we've again become loyal viewers of "The West Wing."

Last May 18 (Friday), the episode dealt with several intertwining stories including the visit to the White House of the president of an African nation with a huge AIDS problem, and the US president's decision to hire a young female lawyer from the rival (Republican) political party.

Just like in the previous season, the production dealth with these stories in a sensitive but entertaining manner, combining perceptive insights and a ligthearted tone that served to leaven the heavy drama that occasionally gripped the show.

The AIDS story was particularly provocative because it showed how mercenary some pharmaceutical companies can be in pricing anti-HIV drugs way beyond the buying capacity of impoverished Africans.

It was inspiring to see the US president and his staffers pushing the drug firms' officials to forget profits for the moment, just so millions of AIDS victims in Africa could be helped while there was still time.

The best performance was turned in by the character actor who played the African nation's chief executive. His love for his suffering people was palable in the portrayal, and viewers mourned his death when he was later killed in a coup attempt.

The story dealing with Democrat-Republican tensions was less dramatic, but just as thought-provoking. The main disagreements between the two parties were given an instructive airing, and the local viewer was struck by the fact that their arguments had to do with issues, not personalities. Would that we too could be as objective in our political intramurals.

Above everything, what comes through most forcefully in the show is that the US president and his staffers work very hard, are often exhausted to the point of numbness, and yet can spring instantly alert when sudden crisis situations erupt that require their most judicious handling.

Also, while they have important work to do, they never cease being human—flawed, biased and occasionally weak, but capable of feeling fiercely for causes and people.

This human aspect has its limits, though. The last time we looked, there were no **Marilyn Monroes** or **Monica Lewinskys** sashaying about the White House's corridors of power, and the US president in the show was as asexual as an amoeba. In some senses, at least, realism is not the hit program's strongest suit.

Fashion special

AT 10 p.m. today, May 27, the E! Channel premieres "Philippine Fashion Week: Summer 2001." Staged last month at the Ayala Center-Glorietta, the fashion showcase features popular labels' different looks for the Season.

Designers' Night presents the distinctive collections of **Rajo Laurel**, **Frederick Peralta**, **Jean Gouldbourn** and **Efren Ocampo**.

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'The Lost World'

THE EXCITING adventure series, "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World," continues every Saturday at 8 p.m. on Star World (replays on Sundays at 2 a.m.). It dramatizes the exploits of a British expedition.

On June 2, Empress Centuria orders her Lizardmen to hunt and kill Tribune, who flees to the treehouse in the episode titled "The Games."

Feedback

FROM **Pureza Ramiro Pacis** of Vintas, Ilocos Sur: "What turns me off on TV? Subliminal advertising! For instance, the beer being conveyed by ants to the watering hole, replete with earthquake effect; the shampoo promising that hair would be '*masarap hawakan dito, dito, dito*; the soft drink (or drinker) to be '*palaging masarap ang timpla!*' The list goes on.

"While meanings are in people, shouldn't some advertisments be subjected to PG ratings, too?"

Shows

MAY 31 at 8 p.m., **Leonard Obal, Michale Laygo, Yam Ledesma** and **Alynna** will be presented in the musical-comedy show, "Afat Dafat," at Kampoo West.

June 7, 8 and 9, Toto's Bar in Davao

City features **Lynn Sherman** and the Ugoy-Ugoy Band. Toto's Bar is at Casa Leticia, J. Camus st., Davao City.

In Metro Manila, Lynn and her band perform every Thursday at Gillespie's at Shangri-la Edsa, and Fridays at Monk's Dream on Jupiter st. in Makati.

'Divine Diva' older, wiser and still having fun

By Remy M. Umerez

ZSA ZSA Padilla marks her birthday with a two-night concert at the Captain's Bar of the Mandarin Oriental Manila on June 1 and 2.

Zsa Zsa, whom movie scribes label the "Divine Diva," is turning 37 on May 28 and, by her own admission, she feels "old."

"When you are young, you can absorb almost everything and don't feel tired at all," she says. "The energy is high. Learning 20 new songs in a week is not a problem.

"Now I feel old because I have gone through a lot of emotional crises in life. For one, I married young and it is my fervent hope that my daughter Karylle will not follow the mistakes I have done. I have been constantly reminding her, to spare her the consequences."

Zsa Zsa talks of physical and emotional pain which to her are both excruciating.

"When I fell in love again, the whole world was against it," she recalls. "It was a no-win situation.

"Then there's my health problem," adds the singer who has been suffering from scoliosis. "The back pains can really age a person a lot. And I happen to be the who will endure pain rather than take painkillers.

"As a performer, I've been in situations where I thought I would never reach the finale of a show due to my scoliosis. I don't mind forgetting the lyrics, which happens to even the best of singers, but controlling physical pain is sheer torture.

"All things considered, I still feel very blessed in a hundred ways."

Zsa Zsa is both mother and "Tita" to some of the children of her live-in partner Dolphy. She is very proud of her three daughters who are now part of show business.

Her eldest Karylle, 20, is debuting as a recording artist of Universal Records. Nicole and Zia are joining "Ang TV" which ABS-CBN will soon revive.

In her 18 years in show business, Zsa Zsa has tried almost everything—acting, hosting, singing. She even appeared as a sexy ghost in one of the episodes in "Hiwaga sa Balete Drive," produced more than a decade ago by Seiko Films.

"That was my first and last *contravida* role," she says. "Some surveys reveal that people don't patronize a product when they see the endorser doing bad things on screen. I was a ghost who seduced young men in the movie. And because of that, some people stopped buying my records."

Of all her movies to date, no doubt "Batang PX" will remain her most memorable and significant. She nearly bagged all the Best Actress trophies from the different award-giving bodies for her touching portrayal of a young mother who falls in love with the wrong guy in her quest for happiness. .

The singer/actress will soon be filming a new telemovie, "Anak sa Labas," for ABS CBN, under the direction of Joey Reyes who also megged her in "Batang PX."

Doesn't she feel "old" in the company of youngsters while hosting Sunday's noontime party "Asap?"

"No," she says. "On the contrary, I enjoy it. It's fun working with the young ones. I particularly admire the singing voice of Carol Banawa. She has a perfect pitch."

The concert at the Captain's Bar, which is directed by Johnny Manahan, will trace Zsa Zsa's musical career from the day she waxed "Hiram," a song she believed was too painful for her to record.

The repertoire will also include songs that touched her in a very special way (like "Kahit Na"), a few personal favorites ("There's a Place Called Home"), as well as a medley of Streisand and Broadway melodies.

NO PAIN, NO GAIN. Zsa Zsa survives both physical and emotional torture.

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Lawyer brings 'dead' back to life in Regine's visa case

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

ON JUNE 10, **Regine Velasquez** will set foot again in the United States, following the lifting of a lifetime ban that started middle of last year for alleged alien smuggling.

Regine did not expect to be able to return to the US after her visa was revoked. But thanks to immigration lawyer **Michael Gurfinkel**, Regine was able to get a B-1 visitor's visa on May 17, through a special waiver from the US Embassy.

"I was happy because, eventually, I'd be able to do concerts again in the States," she tells the INQUIRER. "The cancellation of my visa meant a lot of opportunities lost."

Regine will be accompanied by her sister **Cacai Velasquez** and talent manager **Patty Mayoralgo**. Cacai and Patty were in Regine's entourage last year, so their visas were also canceled. But all three of them got new US visas.

Regine expects to renew ties with concert producers in Los Angeles and New York, where she will hold press conferences that will be arranged by Gurfinkel's Filipina wife **Millie**.

Regine will be away for a week. On her return to Manila, she will promote her new Viva Films movie with **Aga Muhlach**, "Pangako," to be shown in July.

The ban was imposed after Regine took the fall for the botched plan of a US-based concert producer.

The producer had requested Regine to include in her entourage a girl whom the producer had instructed to pretend to be Regine's wardrobe assistant. When the girl was interviewed at the US Embassy, she revealed that she really planned to remain in the US and work as a personal secretary for the producer.

Regine went through an ordeal being questioned by the American consuls. Patty recalled that Regine went inside the Embassy at 8 a.m. and came out after 4 p.m.

But Regine refuses to blame anyone at this point.

"It happened already," she said. "I shouldn't have let it happen in the first place. But I don't want to work with that producer right now, although I won't avoid her if she tries to talk to me. What happened was so embarrassing."

After the incident, Regine simply kept her mouth shut, avoiding people and staying in her room for two weeks.

She at first went to an immigration consultant for assistance, but the guy, who even claimed he has "connections" at the US Embassy, wasn't able to do anything for her.

Viva's big boss, **Vic del Rosario**, approached Gurfinkel for help. Although Gurfinkel had previously handled several cases of alien smuggling, he had never done it for a celebrity like Regine.

"I was in Rome with my wife when Regine called me up and we talked for more than an hour on the phone," Gurfinkel said. "When I saw the affidavits and declarations signed after her visa was canceled, it didn't seem worthwhile to work something out.

"But I don't simply get the patient for checkup," he added. "I get the corpse and bring it back to life."

He said Regine was even advised to fight the ban or file a lawsuit. "However, the consuls' decisions are final and beyond the reach of US courts," he said.

"But it was not an antagonistic negotiation which I did with the Embassy. They were very courteous, open-minded, receptive and willing to listen. It was a pleasure working with them in this particular case."

Gurfinkel explained that he doesn't simply take on a case and work on it.

"I do a lot of prescreening, independent investigation and fact-finding," he said. "I don't take the client's words all the time. I do my checking and cross-checking before I present the case to the US Embassy.

"I'm also careful in choosing my clients. I don't just accept any case that walks in. If I see a glimmer of hope or a small chance or if it's an uphill battle, I tell the client. I don't ever guarantee success."

Even when Gurfinkel was already working on her visa, Regine didn't want to keep her hopes too high.

IMMIGRATION lawyer Michael Gurfinkel with Regine Velasquez.

"For a time, I wasn't really thinking about it anymore," she said. "I just worked to get it off my mind. I didn't want to hope so I wouldn't be frustrated. I wanted to leave it up to Mr. Gurfinkel."

The immigration lawyer said Regine reacted with disbelief when she got her B-1 visa.

"After she locked herself in her room, she somehow conditioned herself that she wouldn't see a US visa anymore," Gurfinkel said. "But Regine has been a good client. She followed everything that I said. I advised her not to discuss anything with the media while her waiver request was being considered by the Embassy and she did just that."

He said Regine's experience should teach other entertainers a lesson.

"They should learn about the dangers and devastating consequences of alien smuggling," he explains. "Stars should be more careful and not so trusting of producers. Regine did not attempt to deny responsibility or shift the blame for her actions. She admitted what happened was wrong."

Jessica not afraid of Annabelle

THE WAR between **Ruffa Gutierrez** and **David Bunevacz** escalates with Ruffa's mom, **Annabelle Rama**, and David's wife, **Jessica Rodriguez**, stepping into the fray. Now, the battle is between Jessica and Annabelle, who have been exchanging tirades.

Jessica was on the phone early Friday morning reacting to our column, which came out on that same day and which included Ruffa's statements against David. Jessica and David are now on vacation in the States.

In Los Angeles, Jessica took time out to talk to the INQUIRER before she and David flew to Houston, Texas to visit her dad.

"I'm not really taking it out on Ruffa," Jessica said. "Her mom should stop meddling. I'm not afraid of Annabelle Rama. I am willing to face her anywhere."

She said Annabelle and Ruffa are afraid of her because she knows some of the darkest secrets of the controversial mother and daughter.

"They mess with my family, they mess with me," Jessica said. "This time, I'll fight."

The fiery Annabelle is not about to take Jessica's rebuttal sitting down.

Annabelle said: "She (Jessica) wanted a showdown in Ultra, but who will see us there, only her devil husband?

"I want to square off with her at a lobby of a hotel in Makati where many people can see us. *Kung gusto pa niya ng hubaran, hindi ko siya uurungan* (If she wants a contest in taking off our clothes, I'm not one to retreat). She can say anything she wants to say. I have nothing to hide."

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Constipation Crisis

What is Constipation

Although not as frequent as diarrhea and abdominal pain, constipation is still one of the major gastrointestinal problems that worry many parents and make them bring their babies for consultation to pediatricians. Parents and health practitioners must therefore be knowledgeable about when a child's bowel habits constitute constipation.

Constipation is a symptom defined by the difficult passage of hard, pebble-like stools (sometimes akin to a goat's feces) accompanied by straining or pain. Sometimes the stools may seem abnormally large for the baby's age. How often does this happen? It may be less than 3 in a week or less than 1 in 48 hours. When constipation lasts more than 2 weeks, there may be abdominal pain, or infections involving the urinary tract. Chronic constipation (longer than 2-3 weeks) usually has no underlying organic disease but is very common among infants.

Breast-feeding Prevents Constipation

Constipation is ~~rare or~~ not at all present among exclusively breast-fed babies. Studies show they pass their stools almost 50% more often than the formula-fed, a minimum of 4 to as high as 9 times daily. Furthermore, their stools are mushy, even watery. The high lactose content of breast milk and the acidic environment that it brings about could be responsible for the less formed stools and the ease with which babies move their bowels. Besides lactose and other carbohydrates called oligosaccharides present in breast milk, its low phosphorus content creates an environment in the intestines for beneficial microorganisms to grow. These good bacteria, mainly BIFIDUS, enhance body's immune defense system.

On the other hand, formula-fed babies have an entirely different microflora and bowel pattern, often leading to hard formed stools and infrequent defecation.

Generally, as babies grow older, bowel frequency decreases and incidence of constipation increases. Nonetheless, breast-fed babies still continue to pass more stools than the formula-fed.

Bifidus as a Bowel Buster

Water in-between formula feedings is recommended to prevent constipation. Recent studies also suggest the giving of Bifidus-enriched follow-up formula at 6 months of age. This type of feeding helps babies move soft mushy stools more frequently than an average formula-fed baby. Such a unique benefit of Bifidus on stool consistency and frequency is made possible by the metabolic activities Bifidus exert in the intestines, especially the colon. Good bacteria regulate the movement of water and the walls of the intestines leading to a more favorable bowel habit. Hence, there is neither constipation nor diarrhea when babies are fed bifidus-enriched formulas.

There is a wide range of bowel movements among healthy babies. The interpretation of baby's stool frequency and consistency must take into account the type of baby's feeding. Since mother's milk serves as the model, any alternative feeding given to baby must also give protection from constipation. Take note that breast-fed babies often have soft mushy stools. My advise is : Breast-feed your baby.

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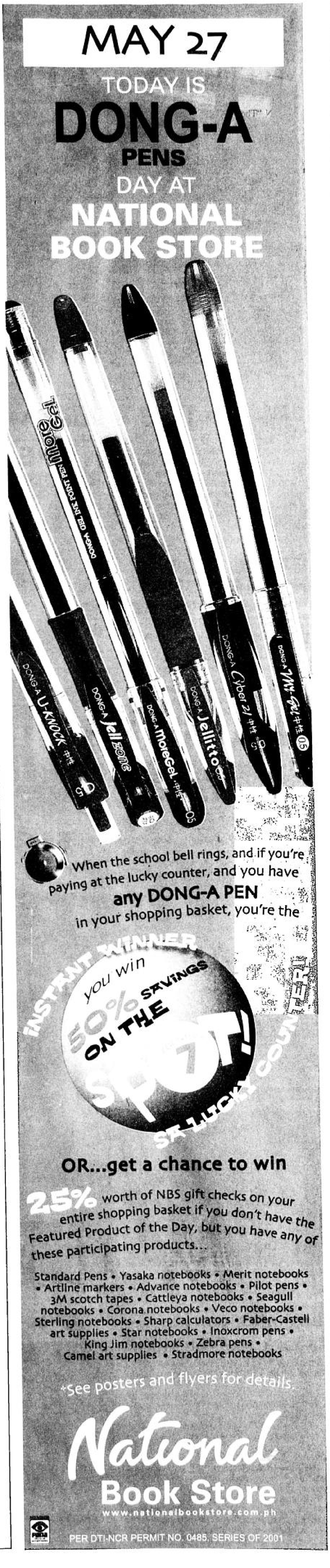

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MVP plays to win

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THE Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) and the National Basketball Association (NBA) of the US have just named their most valuable players (MVPs) – San Miguel's Danny Ildefonso and Philadelphia Sixers standout Allen Iverson.

In the Philippine broadcast industry, one man is piling up statistical points to earn the equivalent of that award and bring GMA Network to the top: "MVP" himself, business magnate Manny V. Pangilinan.

Last year, it was reported that Pangilinan bought majority of the shares of GMA Network, which surprised a lot of people in business circles and in the broadcast industry.

GMA was apparently only the last piece of the puzzle in Pangilinan's groundwork for a convergence strategy that would integrate telecommunications, cable, Internet, satellite and broadcast into a giant platform, with communication giant Philippine Long Distance Telephone (PLDT) as the foundation.

The May 14 election coverage of GMA showed only a glimpse of convergence in action. No one initially knew how everything would converge, yet everyone was certain it would happen.

Pangilinan used the PLDT convergence infrastructure to back up the award-winning GMA news team. The result was synergy at its best and election news coverage that earned GMA favorable feedback.

Two-way communications, text messaging and even conference calls were made with Smart wireless cell phones. Hotlines that accommodated more than a thousand calls per hour were set up by PLDT's fixed line team at the GMA Network Center.

On the web, PLDT's Infocom forged a partnership with the Inq7 site of both the Inquirer and GMA, which allowed audio and video streaming, up-to-the-minute update on election results and breaking news stories.

According to the final tally, more Filipinos abroad accessed the Inq7 website than any other news site, for election update.

Smart cell phone users accessed election news information via WAP and e-text.

PLDT's radio network, Nation Broadcasting Corp., paired up with GMA's radio team to form the largest base of radio talents and on-the-ground reporters on both the AM and FM bands. The reporters fed breaking news to the GMA headquarters via fax, e-mail, text, cell phones and satellite.

The GMA-PLDT team was hard to beat, on the ground and up in the air. PLDT had helicopters and other aircraft on stand-by to make sure GMA would be in the middle of the action wherever it might be.

Parallel to PLDT's arsenal of resources was GMA Network's own infrastructure buildup. Management strengthened GMA Network's transmission reach nationwide, developed AM and FM radio stations in key cities and, at the perfect time, built its new network center, the fruits of which were all seen on-air.

Complementing all the hardware were the people behind the GMA News department.

If the industry is wondering why this team hit the trail, inspired and ready to rock, one main reason is MVP himself, Manny V. Pangilinan.

Before the actual coverage of the May 14 elections, MVP invited to dinner all the news people of GMA – anchors, reporters, cameramen and even the production crew.

Unknown to many, while the GMA news team was in the field for the election coverage, MVP was in the news department till the wee hours.

GMA's election coverage proves that convergence is just around the corner. With the partnership of GMA and PLDT soon to happen, and with Pangilinan set to lead GMA Network into the 21st century, the broadcast industry will have a new MVP.

NEW GMA big boss poses with two of the network's talents – Jessica Soho (left) and Vicky Morales.

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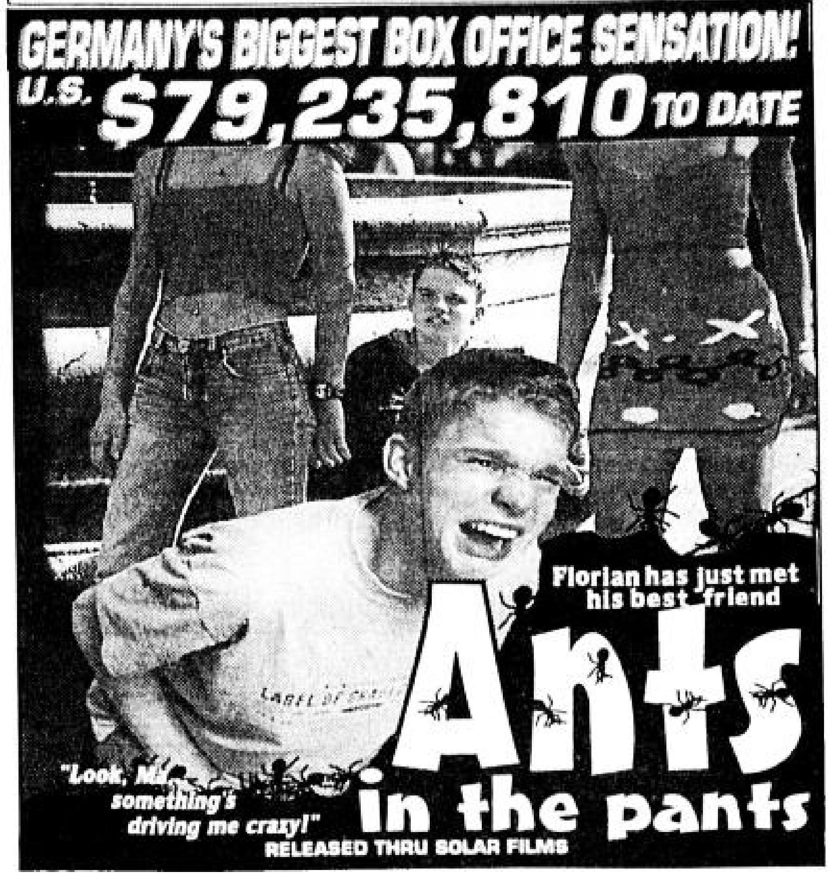
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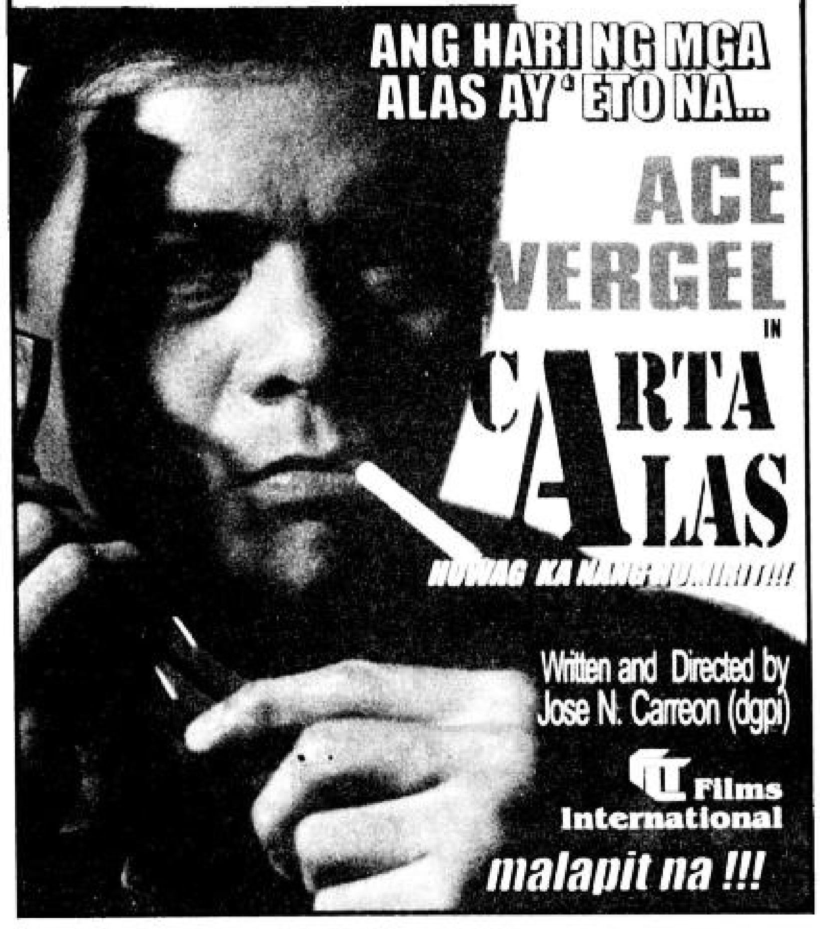
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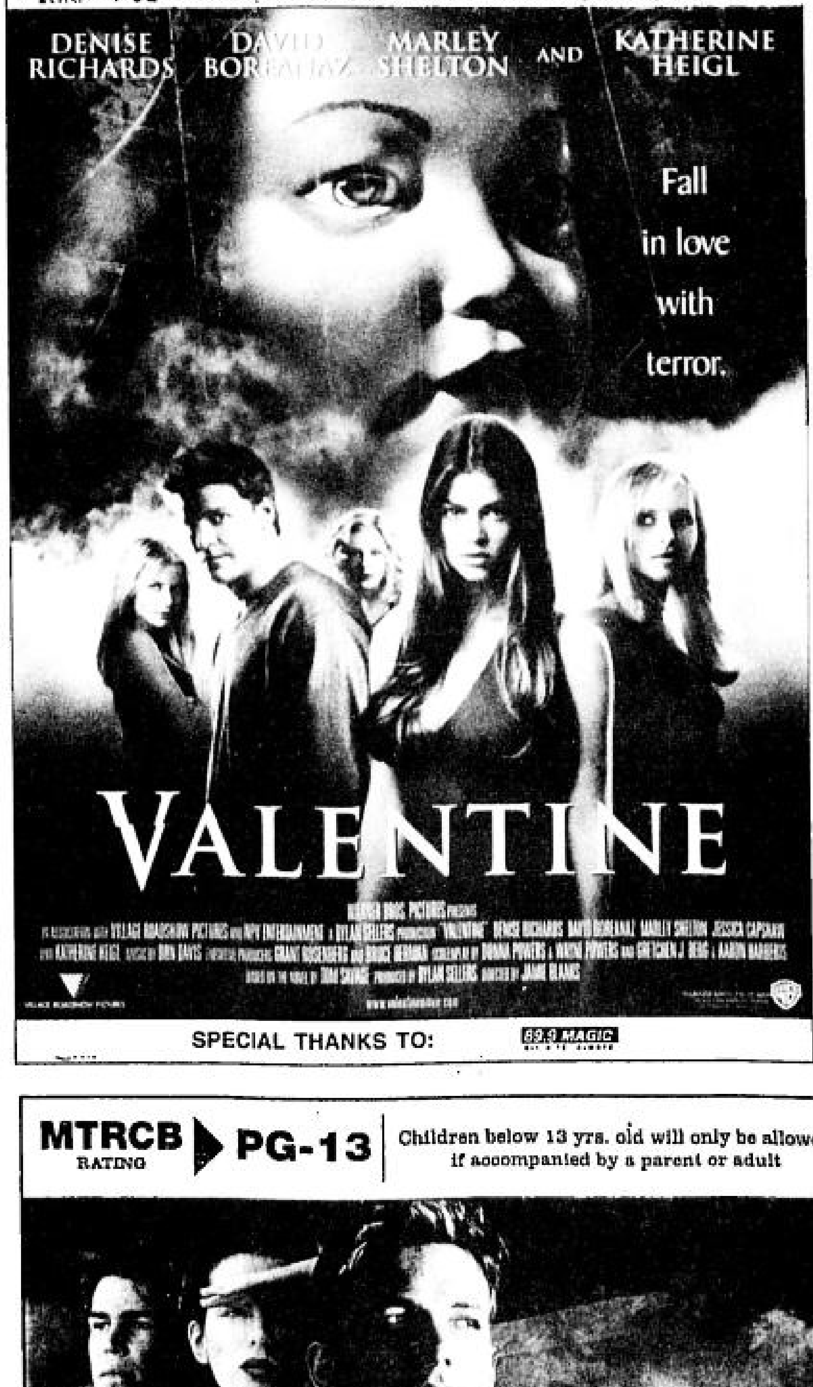
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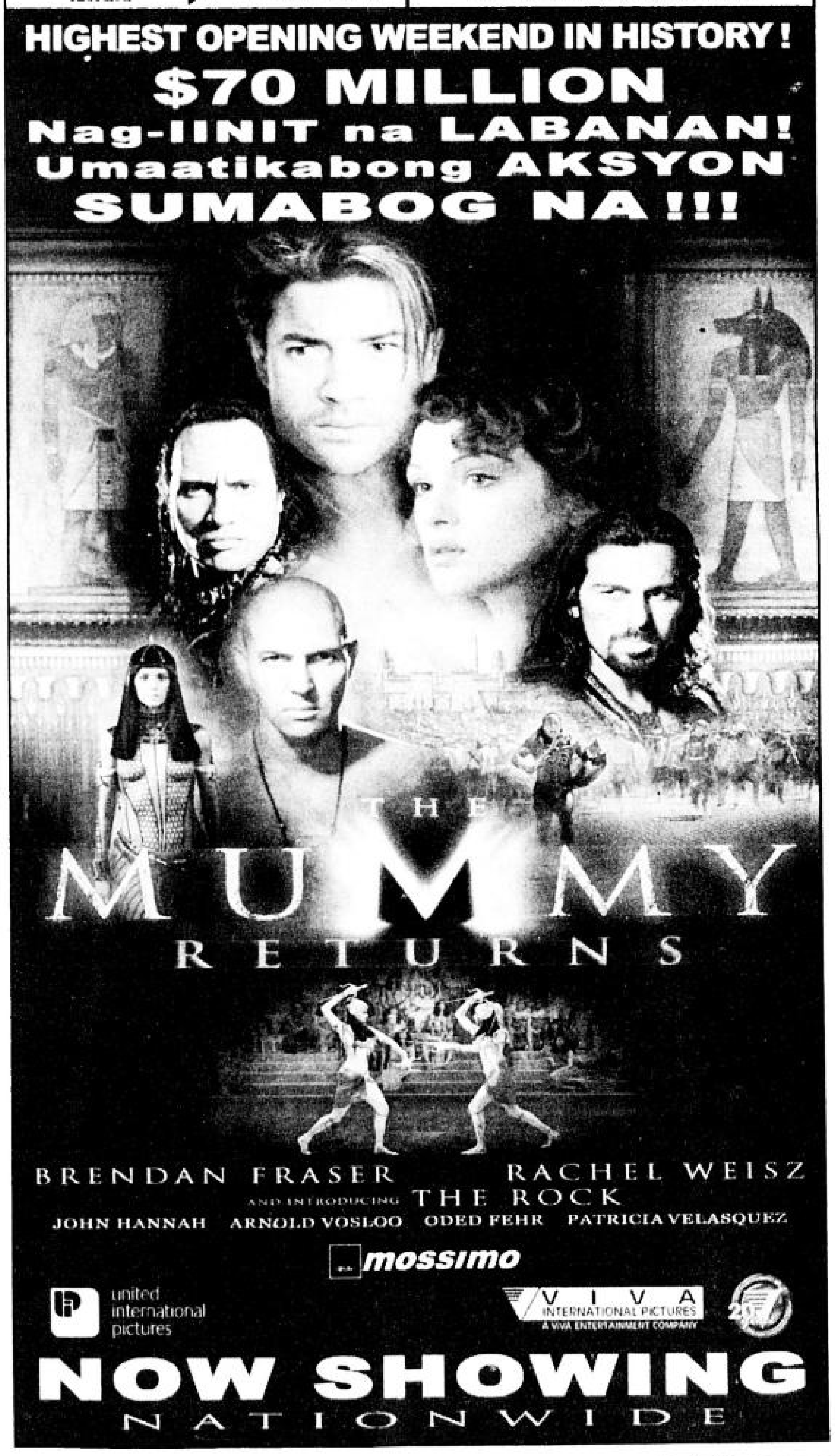
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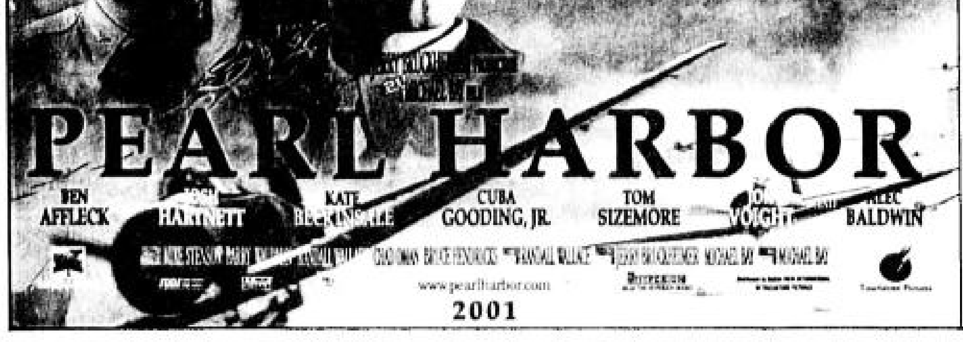
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REVIEW

"WE are living in a country where law enforcers can be bribed, court cases fixed and protection from the law can be had for a monthly retainer. There is today a menace more to be feared than whole rebel armies and criminal syndicates put together. And yet this government has not mounted credible efforts to stem it. This is the menace of drug addiction and the supremely wealthy, powerful, corrupt and shadowy underworld that promotes and perpetuates it, often with help of agents of the law themselves . . ."

This searing indictment could very well have come from the film "Traffic," but it's actually a line from the privilege speech of a former Philippine senator, which he delivered in Congress more than a decade ago. That an American film about illegal drugs can draw so many similarities to actual events in the Philippines both past and present only underscores the universal nature of the drug problem.

"Traffic" is guaranteed to help one get the message about the pervasiveness of illegal drugs, that is, if one hasn't gotten it yet despite every new administration's efforts to launch its own "war against drugs."

The film, in fact, seems to convey the futility of such a war. The drug problem, it seems to argue, is not a war but more like a disease, like cancer, for which there is currently no cure. You fight it as long and as hard as you can, and even then you could lose.

Not new but gripping

This is not the first movie made about illegal drugs. There's nothing new, for instance, about the drug wars fought by rival cartels, the endemic corruption in governments that abets drug production and trafficking, and the seeming hopelessness of drug addiction. All these themes have been made into films before.

Yet somehow, director Steven Soderbergh and writer Stephen Gaghan were able to create a fresh and terribly gripping film out of somewhat second-hand issues.

For their wondrous efforts, they were rightly honored with Oscars, Soderbergh for his direction of the film, and Gaghan for writing its screenplay, which was adapted from the British documentary series, "Traffik."

Not that my opinion makes a difference, but if it were up to me, "Traffic" should have bagged the Oscar best picture as well. I've seen all the other nominees, and while "Gladiator" was good, it doesn't really leave one transfixed, like "Traffic" does, long after the end credits have started flashing.

Chilling images

I can't get the film's chilling images out of my mind. Of the girl Caroline, for instance, whose face still looks angelic even as she's woozy on crack, while a small-time dealer feasts on her body in a fleabag hotel.

A pretty, straight-A student in a private school, she is anyone's ideal daughter or girlfriend. How could she have descended into such a hell? Yet we know of people in real life who are just like her, their upper class and preppy school upbringing unable to stop their free fall into addiction.

Caroline's story is just one of many parallel stories in "Traffic," each one just as important as the other, some of them even familiar. In our country where 75 percent of all heinous crimes are drug-related and where, according to one study, almost 10 percent of the youth have either experimented with drugs or are presently addicted to them, some of these stories have to be familiar.

The implication that the government is the main perpetrator of the drug crime is convincing when told through the story of Tijuana state policemen Javier Javier Rodriguez (Benicio Del Toro) and his partner, Manolo (Jacob Vargas). The two officers, in trying to do their jobs, get enmeshed in a network of political corruption focused on the drug trade between Mexico and the United States.

They are recruited by their country's top anti-drug-crusader, General Salazar (Tomas Milian), to help him wipe out the drug cartels. As jaded as Javier and Manolo are, they also cannot help but be lured to the idealism of the cause. They will realize later the wisdom behind their cynicism.

Allergy, obsession

The film also presents an undeniable rationale behind the hopelessness of snuffing out the drug trade.

As one of the film's characters says, drugs are "an allergy of the body, an obsession of the mind" and as such are an "unbeatable market force." We see this hopelessness in the eyes of Robert Wakefield (Michael Douglas), the US president's newly appointed drug czar who struggles to work out a breakthrough in the government's anti-drug campaign even as he remains oblivious to the fact that drugs have already ensnared his own child.

We see the drug trade as a cutthroat but immensely rewarding business as the film shows us people who get into it merely to survive and those who manage to get rich off it, like the wealthy San Diego couple Carlos (Steven Bauer) and Helena Ayala (Catherine Zeta-Jones), who don't even touch their own product.

Helena at first doesn't know the source of their country club lifestyle until her husband is arrested by DEA agents (Don Cheadle and Luis Guzman) for drug trafficking. Faced with the prospect of losing her husband and giving up the life she has grown into, her transformation from trophy wife to vicious drug lord provides some of the most tension-filled scenes in the film.

Gaghan's screenplay somehow makes each character the main protagonist every time he or she is on. Each of their stories at times becomes the heart of the film.

Masterful

Soderbergh does a masterful job of executing the divergent but complementary plots. He even deftly creates a specific look for each of the stories to help the viewer stay on track, like using a grainy, sepia tone for the scenes in Mexico, and a cold, blush tinge for the stately scenes of Robert Wakefield. The frequent use of a hand-held camera also has a wonderfully realistic, pseudo-documentary effect.

The actors all turn in sterling performances and it's no wonder why Del Toro ran away with an Oscar for his portrayal of Javier. I'm just a little puzzled why he was nominated for Best Supporting Actor and not Best Actor when his role is just as significant as that of Douglas.

The performance of the young Erika Christensen as Caroline Wakefield is also worth citing.

But you really get a sense of how special this film is when you see name actors like Amy Irving, Denis Quaid, Benjamin Bratt, James Brolin, Salma Hayek and Albert Finney playing minor roles.

A lot of films strive to entertain and at the same time impart a worthy social commentary but only a few succeed at doing both. Soderbergh remarkably does it twice, with "Erin Brockovich" and "Traffic."

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Yet, even as the compositions are expected to mirror some of these musical traditions, they are not supposed to be mere copies, Manalang added.

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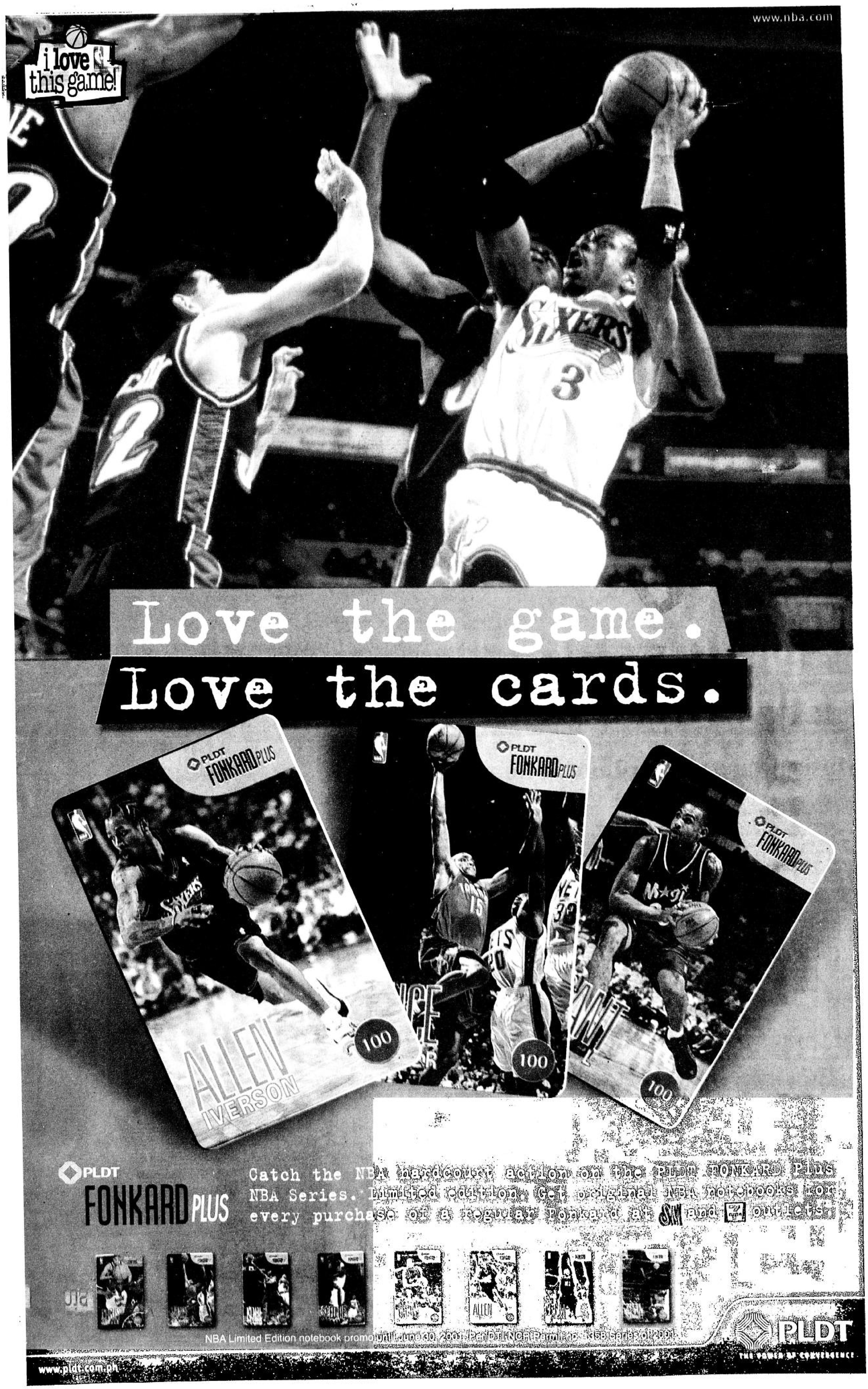
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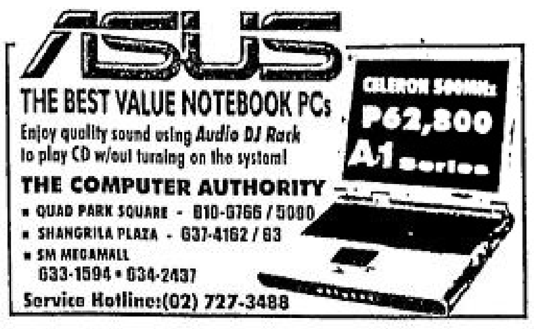
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High-level executives once earned low wages

BY MARGIE QUIMPO-ESPINO

JOEY A. Bermudez, senior executive vice president of PSBank, the savings bank owned by taipan George SK Ty, had been one of the most "courted" executives during the last three years in the banking sector.

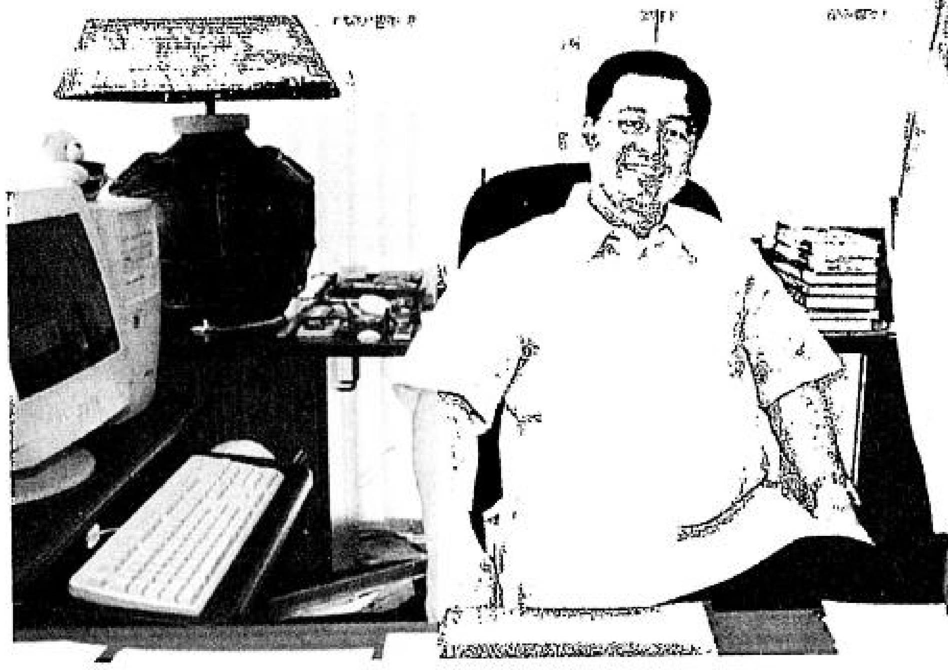
After serving the former PCIBank (now Equitable PCIBank) for 14 years (he was pirated from BPI to PCIBank), he was tapped by the British-owned Standard Chartered Bank to head its consumer banking. In less than a year, he was offered a better package by Solidbank who succeeded in enticing him to join them.

FIRST JOBS

When Metrobank bought majority control of Solidbank, Bermudez was placed in PSBank. While most of his years in banking were spent dealing with small and medium enterprises, the last seven years saw him make aggressive moves in retail banking.

His marketing instincts are already being felt in the savings bank that has been aggressively going after a bigger slice of the consumer market pie. With him at the helm, they hope to make PSBank "the consumer and retail bank of choice," as described by its VP for Marketing Cynthia Gruet.

The market knows the value of Bermudez and it pays the price. It is hard to imagine that he used to earn only P90 a month.



BANEZ'S first paycheck was P780 a month.

BERMUDEZ got P4.30 for half a day's work.

First pay

Bermudez's first job earned him P4.30 for a half-day's work. He was 17 then and on his second semester in college. He was not sure if his grades were high enough to allow him to keep his scholarship at the University of Sto. Tomas so he worked as a student assistant at the College of Medicine.

He was able to continue his scholarship but he still kept the job. In three months' time he was asked to work full time, giving him P180 a month. He shifted to night classes to keep his job.

Cost of tuition then for his Business Administration degree was about P280 a semester.

During his senior year, a friend who was working for Manufacturers Bank and Trust Co. (later bought and merged into Pilipinas Bank) told him about an opening for administrative assistant to the bank's EVP Macario Tiu.

The requirement was the ability to write. He felt he could do it being an editor of the high school paper.

He got the job and his pay increased to P200 a month. He was asked to write his boss' speeches and some of the reports. He worked from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. and in the evenings he went to class.

He stayed with the bank for the first semester of his senior year. By the second term, he landed another job that he got when he answered an ad. The ad said that it did not matter whether you are a college graduate, young or old for as long as you are hardworking.

He landed as an investment analyst of Anselmo Trinidad and Co., which was then the largest stock brokerage firm in the country. The firm paid P800 a month, quite high considering that the minimum wage was less than P600 a month.

When he finally graduated, he moved to Bancom Dev't. Corp. as a research analyst. Bancom was an investment house which employed some of the brilliant minds in the business sector today like Manuel V. Pangilinan. Bermudez's pay was P1,200 a month.

Asked if he ever thought he would earn the salary he is earning now, Bermudez gives an emphatic no. His ambition then was simply to earn a salary that would increase by 100 percent every year.

BIR chief's first job

A decade after Bermudez ventured into the world of work, Rene Bañez finished law school and sought his fortunes in the legal world.

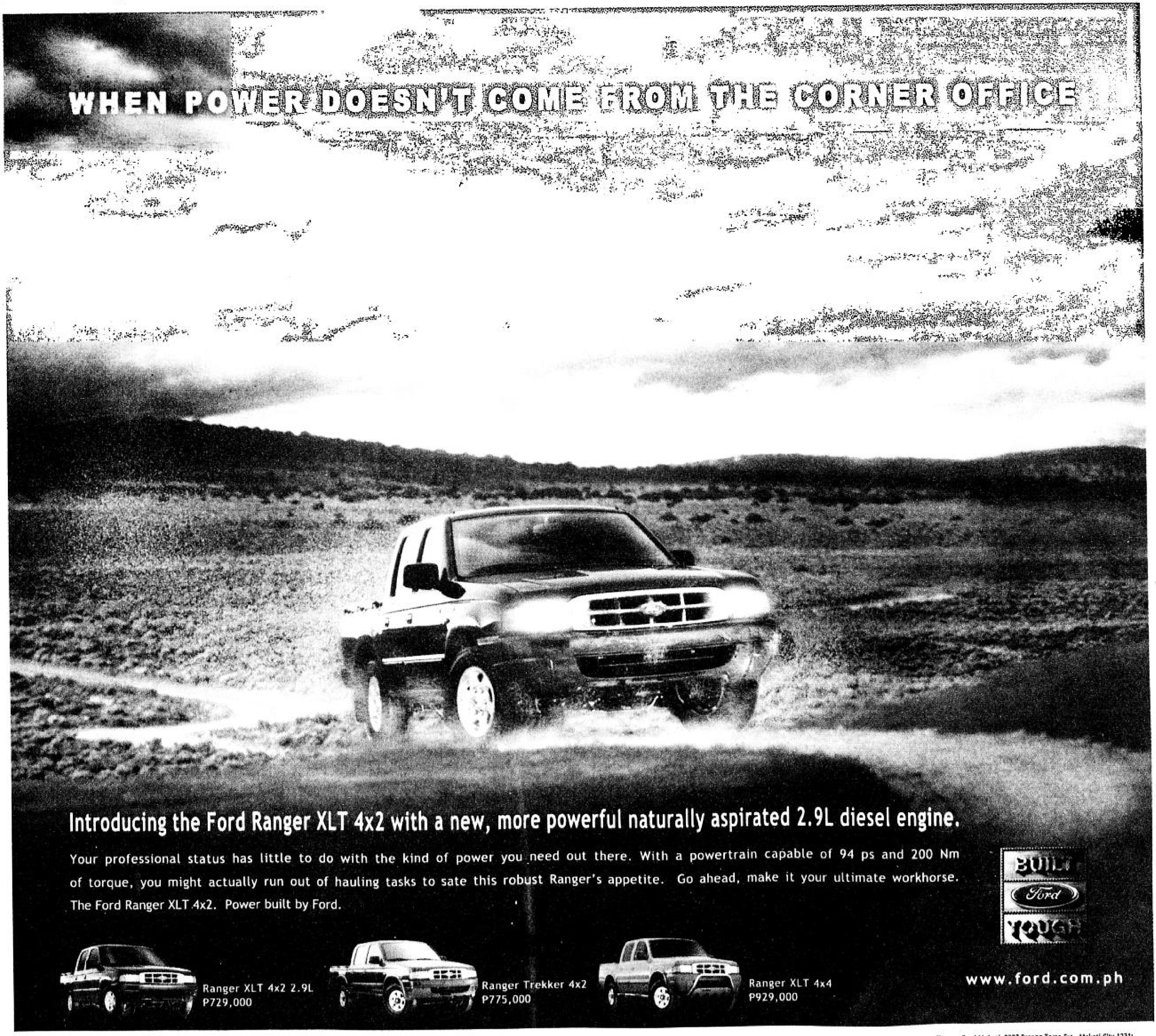
He finished law at the Ateneo and one of his professors was Fr. Ruben Tanseco who knew lawyer Jose Sison (of the Ipaglaban Mo fame) and recommended Bañez for a job.

The name of the law firm was Sison, Ortiz and Associates. Bañez says he was one of the associates and earned some P780 a month.

He was a general lawyer handling civil and criminal cases. Extra earnings were made through appearance fees. He stayed for 10 months before moving to Joaquin Cunanan & Co. where he ended up spending 12 years, earning good money.

He joined BIR for a while as associate commissioner before being recruited by Manny Pangilinan to join the Metro Pacific Group as head of their Tax Group. He later moved to PLDT before being asked by the Macapagal-Arroyo administration to serve as BIR chief.

Definitely Bañez's pay grew by leaps and bounds from his starting level. His pay with the private firms afforded him a house in Ayala Alabang and the latest car model.



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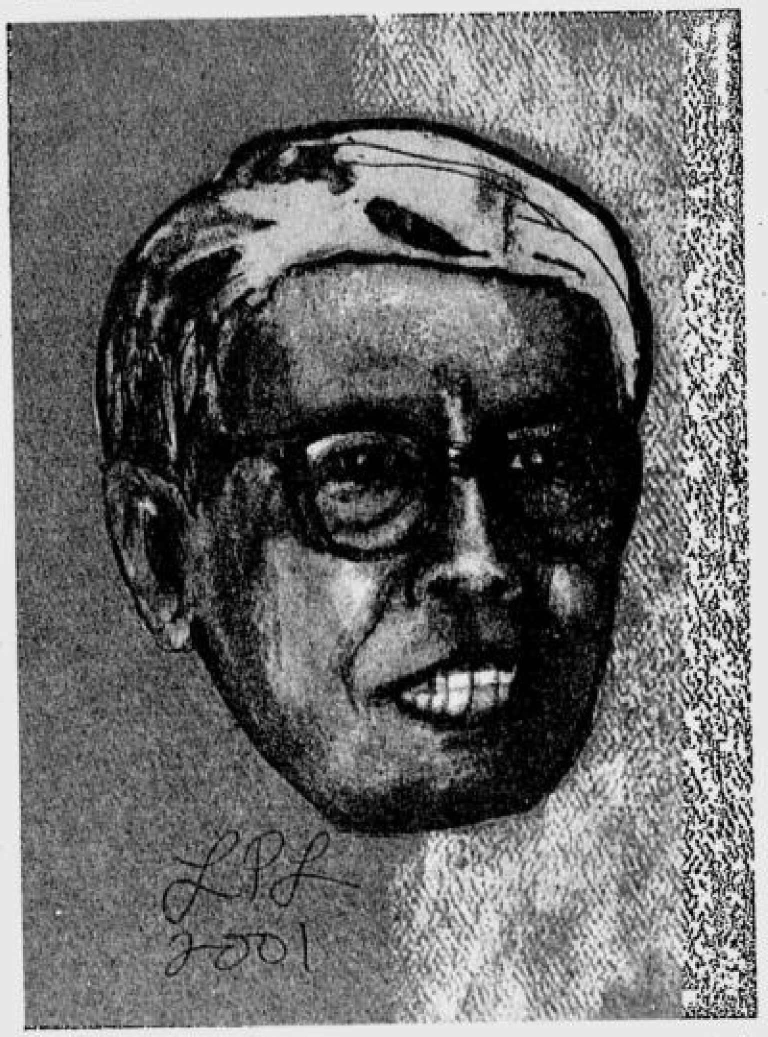

PNB president Feliciano Miranda Jr. is bracing himself for Tuesday's stockholders meeting of the beleaguered bank, during which the government is expected to put in at least three nominees replacing some of former President Estrada's previous nominees.

Miranda knows he will have to deal with questions about PNB's non-performing loans that account for half of its total loan portfolio.

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Secrets of leadership success: Prized moments with Jack Welch

"Get Better or Get Beaten!"
Robert Slater
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BY DANTE M. VELASCO

WHETHER you agree or disagree with Jack Welch, chairman and CEO of General Electric—his ways, his grit and his surprising moves—we can agree on one thing. He made such a huge success of GE.

For example: GE had annual revenues of $112 billion when it acquired Honeywell in the fall of 2000, adding yet $24 billion to sales. Its profits, at nearly $11 billion a year, grew by another $2.5 billion. As they say, "You cannot argue against success."

So, whether you are a Jack Welch admirer or critic, you will find his thoughts useful. If you will not emulate him, you will prepare yourself to deal with a competitor using "Welchisms" against you

Since Welch can be your mentor or tormentor, you cannot ignore his book, "Get Better or Get Beaten."

The book, subtitled "29 Leadership Secrets from GE's Jack Welch," is a distilled version of a book, also authored by Robert Slater, titled "Jack Welch and the GE Way." But, whether you have read the thicker counterpart or not, this book will suffice to give you access to the valuable thoughts of a CEO who "has reinvented his company at every turn," according to Slater.

Whenever you visit a bookstore, you encounter titles that promise you "immutable laws of marketing," "irrefutable laws of leadership," "undhangeable laws," "secrets of powerful speakers," "100 unbreakable laws of business success," etc.

Question is, why did the author decide to join the bandwagon and risked a simplistic (or oversimplified) presentation of Jack Welch's decisions?

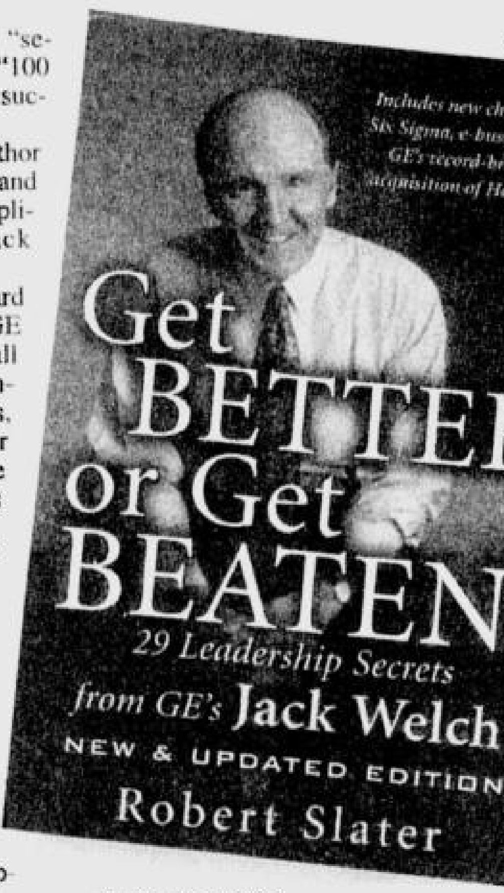
Slater's answer: "I overheard one executive say that the GE books were interesting, but all were slow going. That comment stayed with me for days, until the idea for Get Better or Get Beaten! Hit me. What the market needs, I thought, was Jack Welch in a nutshell."

You have two ways of reading the book. One, you go to your quiet corner and read every page from beginning to end, with a highlighter on hand. Two, you turn on the television for a B Movie, or watch a re-run of "American Beauty"—and you pick up nuggets of this great American CEO. I tried both approaches.

The first approach primed me to get the thought and background of Welch's insights. I missed the lengthier book, though, which has the standard background, analysis and tables to illustrate points and to give them perspective

I implemented the second approach in two places—at the waiting room in a client's office and in the living room—and I discovered that I was absorbing much more. I was virtually snatching valuable time to get nuggets from Jack Welch!

Try it. You turn a page, get page 59, and you chance upon this catchy title: "Use Acquisition to Make the Quantum Leap." It was all about the two largest acquisitions in GE's history, RCA in 1985 and Honeywell in October 2000.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Expectedly, you will read on.

Try page 99, and you get Leadership Secret 16, which runs: "Act Like a Small Company." Jack Welch could have basked in the magnitude and vastness of GE as monolith. But, the author says, Welch "did away with those layers of management that were clogging the GE machine."

And he quotes Welch: "Small companies move faster. They know the penalties for hesitation in the marketplace . . . With fewer layers and less camouflage, the leaders show up very clearly on the screen."

The expected weakness of a menu of thoughts by a CEO like Jack Welch became its strength. The book comes fresh—like a well-timed, unexpected advice from a friend or a serendipitous chance encounter with a startling truth!

All the same, the book gives you stolen moments with one of the most successful CEOs the world over. And such moments, as we know, are treasured and well remembered.

But, the success of "Get Better or Get Beaten!" does not necessarily rub off on books that simply enumerate "a list of how to's." Why? Because this Jack Welch distillation has suitably given background to every leadership secret, and thus illuminates the point each time.

Top business biographer Slater gets part of the credit.

For example, Leadership Secret 3 says, "Managing Less Is Managing Better." Lest you abdicate the role of management, Slater volunteers this explanation: "Jack Welch wants managers to do less monitoring, less supervising, to give their employees more latitude, and he wants more decision-making at the lower levels of the company."

Slater hastens to add: "He (Welch) is not saying, however, that managers should just go off to the golf course at noon every day."

The book offers leadership in four parts in clusters of thought. At any rate, you can have random readings every day.

When you have "Daily Bread" for your devotional readings, and you have Jack Welch in your clutch bag for every conceivable decision opportunity, you are well prepared for every business day. You will never know the moment you need it. The answer could just be a page away. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

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Building autos-to-order challenges staid industry

NEW YORK—Nearly a century after Ford Motor Co. revolutionalized the auto-making industry with the assembly line, some industry analysts say it's time to overhaul mass production and deliver build-to-order cars even faster.

Up to 85 percent of car buyers don't get the exact car they want, industry analysts estimate, and if automakers adopt build to order, a manufacturing structure known as BTO, they could boost customer satisfaction while substantially reducing parts inventories and their huge costs.

The shift to building cars to suit people's tastes could happen within as little as seven years or so, forecasts Patrick Dessert, director of the Product Development and Manufacturing Center at Oakland University in Michigan, and a backer of the new production mode.

"If you want your face embroidered on your seat cover, you've got it," Dessert said. "You want leopard skin? You pick it, they'll build it, and in five days, it'll be there."

Yet Dessert also sees reluctance on behalf of automakers, unions and auto parts suppliers as challenges to be met before the BTO system can work smoothly.

Automakers face several obstacles, including the increased role of suppliers in the assembly process and the effect the changes would have on union-affiliated jobs. They would also need to retool assembly plants that are now configured for the assembly line's linear structure, analysts said.

The notion of putting the customer in the designer's seat and tossing the auto industry's lifeblood—mass production—out the window is also hard for automakers to envision.

It's not the concept of high-speed production that is difficult to grasp—Ford was cranking out Model Ts en masse by the 1920s. It's the idea of building a wide variety of cars in an even shorter period of time.

If a sales clerk at an electronics superstore can slap together a top-of-the-line computer in 10 minutes, however, surely automakers and parts suppliers can figure out how to build a custom-ordered car in a week, some analysts argue.

The main obstacle would be converting the substantial number of non-believers in BTO.

"There is never, ever going to be a time where you're going to be able to order whatever vehicle you'd like and get it in five days," said Brett Hoselton, an auto industry analyst at MacDonald Investment Inc. Some popular models will always be subject to capacity constraints, he said.

The strength of demand for custom orders is also unclear, Hoselton added, and the dealer showroom remains a big draw.

"People still like to go in and touch things, and the bigger and more expensive they are, the more they want to touch them," he said.

Supply chain strategies

Most automakers already produce cars using BTO in some way, which is also called "order to delivery," or a more complex form of "just-in-time" manufacturing, in which suppliers deliver parts for assembly minutes before they are used.

General Motors Corp., the world's No. 1 automaker, is working to develop a supply chain that can support order-to-delivery, and says it aims to chop order cycle times to between 15 and 20 days from about 60 days. Nissan Motor Co., BMW AG and Toyota Motor Corp. also are working on shorter turnarounds.

"I think everybody has a project underway in build-to-order," said Daron Gifford of Deloitte Consulting, who works with GM. But speed and aggressiveness separate the different companies' initiatives.

Dessert is working with parts makers Lear Corp., TRW Inc., Magna International Inc. and Eaton Corp. to develop a "unified manufacturing" model..

In unified manufacturing, after a customer asks for a certain car, orders for its parts are broadcast to suppliers as the vehicle moves down the assembly line, Dessert said.

Suppliers then build the parts and ship them to the manufacturer in sequence, where they're received and assembled onto the vehicle.

DaimlerChrysler AG uses sequencing at its Campo Largo Dodge Dakota plant in southern Brazil, but with the luxury of having its key suppliers all within yelling distance.

Dana Corp., for example, can build one of 11 variations of a Dakota chassis module and then literally roll each chassis—on its own wheels—to the assembly line.

Each of the Big Three automakers—GM, Ford and DaimlerChrysler—has anywhere from $12 billion to $20 billion tied up in finished goods inventories, Dessert estimated, and a sequencing system could pare storage and incentive costs substantially.

But automakers seem far from prepared to fully switch to BTO in the United States.

US manufacturing plants and their suppliers are often regions apart, while few companies have the capability to run electronic order systems. And convincing unions to surrender some duties to suppliers could be difficult at best.

Parts makers at risk

US parts makers would likely realize hidden costs and technical expenses in shifting toward BTO, and they could also be saddled with a high level of risk if the system fails.

But BTO could offer suppliers a chance to produce more modules and step up their involvement in the manufacturing process, changing the nature of the way vehicles are made.

"They're trying to make a pig fly," Dessert said, who is training suppliers to optimize an entire vehicle and its modules rather than just its components. "This is a paradigm shift, and it's not going to happen overnight."

Robin Adams, chief financial officer at Detfoit-based American Axle, said his company is "definitely" ready for BTO because it already makes its parts in sequence. And Johnson Controls Inc. has been building custom parts for sequenced installation for 15 years, a spokesman said. *Reuters*

Finance exec gives up numbers for spilled milk and diapers

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

COLLEAGUES, family and friends were caught by surprise when they learned that Lilet Vizmanos, former president of the Philippine Association of Management Accountants and finance director of food and beverage giant San Miguel Corp., embarked on a new career of teaching pre-school children.

Vizmanos says she was known throughout her almost 30-year career in the world of big business for being very strict and a stickler for rules and regulations. No room for surprises, so to speak, since she had to make sure that the finances were in order.

This is definitely not the case in her new world which is full of energetic children, yayas, parents, spilled food and milk and yes, chaos. But she loves every minute of it, saying that it is this—not the many perks and high salary she got as a career woman—which truly makes her happy.

"I had important positions in my career and I got a lot of perks and my salary was more than enough. But I did not get my fulfillment there. I felt that I was always looking for something even if I was happy going up the ranks and working with these companies," Vizmanos says.

Distinguished career

A CPA by profession, Vizmanos started her career as senior auditor of Carlos Valdes and Co., she moved up the ranks and eventually left for other companies. She was made vice president of Foote, Cone and Belding, finance director of San Miguel, public relations officer of the Ambassador of Romania and finance director of the People's Television Network.

It was in one of the radio programs she was doing on the side for PTV-4 that the idea of a career with children dawned on her.

"It was a program where I get calls from listeners, and in one show a child called me at almost midnight and I asked him why he was calling when it was so late. He said it was because his parents were not yet home. An overwhelming sense of guilt washed over me because here I was working and my children were also home alone like that caller," Vizmanos says.

It was like being hit on the head, she says, and after that she immediately started looking for a kind of work that would give her time to be with her two daughters who were fast growing up.

She found it when she got to meet elementary school teachers during one of her charity works with Channel 4. She was so inspired by their enthusiasm toward their work and they convinced her to give teaching kids a chance.

Back to school

Vizmanos attacked the new challenge the same way she dealt with challenges in the workplace. She went back to school in her late 40s and got a degree in elementary school education from the Philippine Normal University and eventually, a Master's degree in Child Psychology.

These add up nicely to her management development program from the Asian Institute of Management and her executive program from the University of Michigan.

"It was like life started all over again for me and I feel it is a better life. I am now more mature and understanding with children and I have never felt so happy than now that I am surrounded by children," Vizmanos says.

She says the happiness stems from knowing that she is part of the development process of children, especially in the crucial ages of between one and seven years old. She says the character of a person is formed during these first years.

"I have seen people who were not able to deal with life because they did not have love or care during their formative years. I don't want my children and other children to be like that, so I chose to teach children who are at a critical age," Vizmanos explains.

New career

She turned her back on corporate life in 1999 when she started teaching pre-school at the STI pre-school in Quezon City. She was teaching there for about a year before she got the offer to set up Action Kidz Child Development Center last year.

"My old teacher at the PNC thought I would be able to do the job because I had both management experience and a degree in child psychology. She recommended me and I got the job," Vizmanos says.

She was initially asked to operate it as a day care center but she recommended that they develop a new program that would involve a more wholistic approach to child development. Fortunately, she got the support she needed.

Action Kidz at the Discovery Center in Ortigas was patterned after American and European child care centers where children are free to develop themselves at their own pace. The objective, she says, is for children to develop a positive attitute toward life.

Action Kidz officially opened in June last year and from a handful of children, it now takes care of 57 children aged anywhere from a few months to six years old.

The work is tiring, she says, as children that age have boundless energy but it is also very fulfilling and she will not trade it for a new job in the corporate world.

"At the end of the day I remember a particular child who did good. The feeling I get when I see a child go to sleep is also indescribable. I am happy here. At least, even when I am tired I know that I did a good job," she says.

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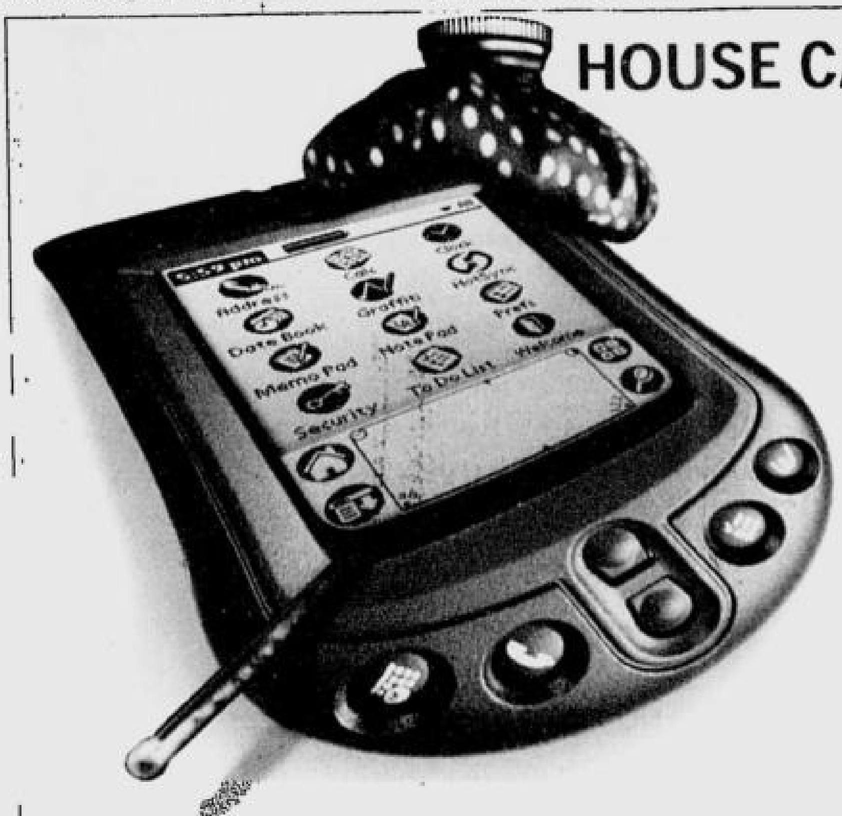

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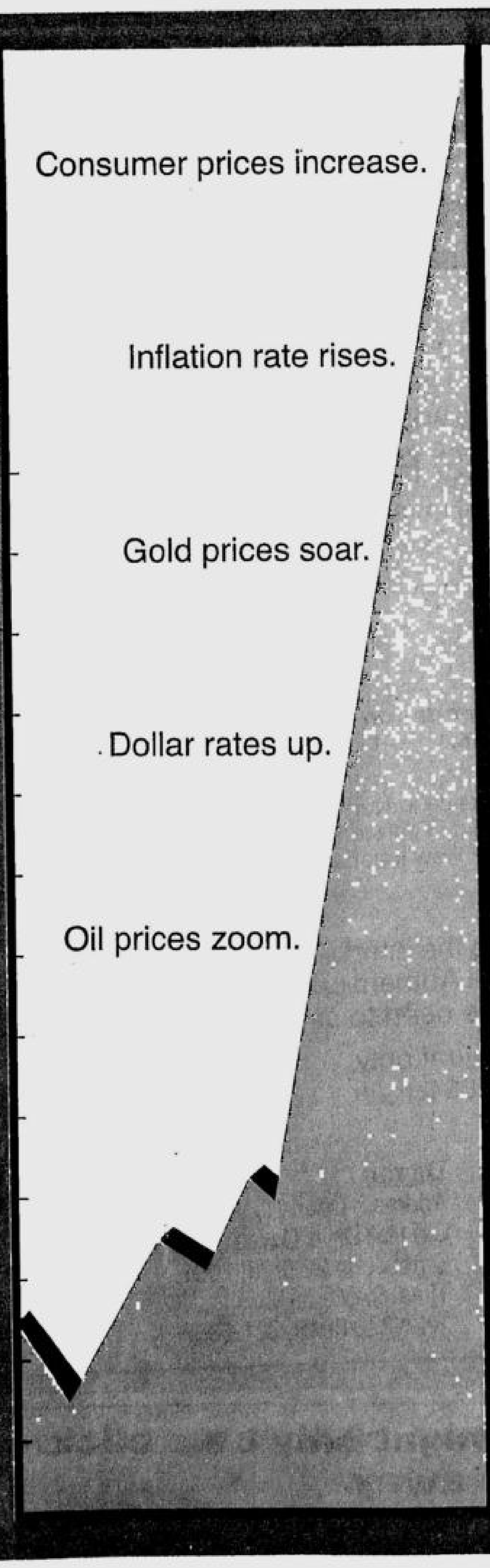
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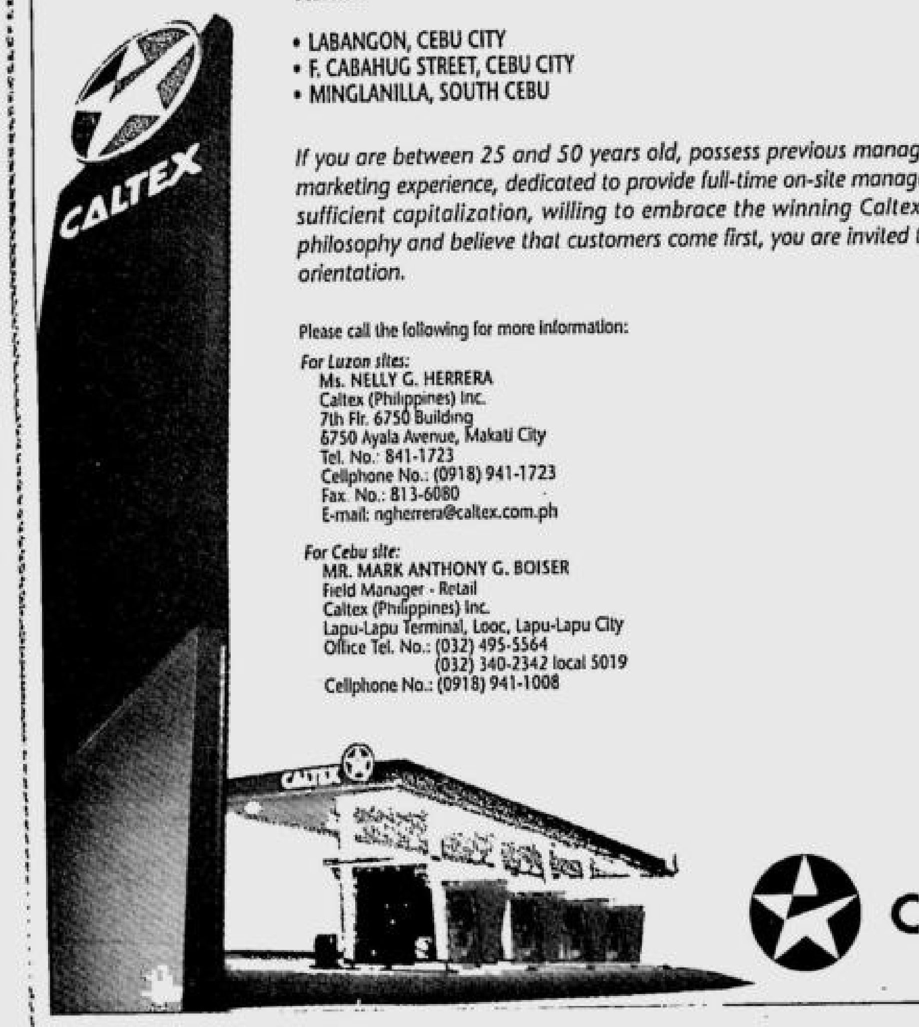

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Date 20 May 2001
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1. The Province of Bukidnon, Philippines, has received a loan from Asian Development Bank ("ADB") for the implementation of the Bukidnon Integrated Area Development Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of irrigation piping network and drip equipment for La Fortuna CIS Extension Communal Drip Irrigation System, Maninit Communal Drip Irrigation System and Sigmatan Communal Drip Irrigation System.
2. The Provincial Government of Bukidnon (PGB), as the implementing Agency of the project, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from member countries of ADB for the supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of the goods for the purposes of the project.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding document at the Project Director, Bukidnon Integrated Area Development Project-Project Management Office (BIADP-PMO), 2nd Floor, BIADP-PMO Building, Provincial Capitol Compound, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon, Philippines Tel. No. (63-88) 813-2448 or (83-88) 221-3648 and Telefax No. (63-88) 221-3178.
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5. A pre-bid conference shall be held on June 7, 2001 at the conference room, BIADP-PMO, 2nd Floor BIADP-PMO Building, Provincial Capitol Compound, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon, Philippines. A site inspection at bidders expense shall be held on June 8, 2001.
6. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of at least two percent (2%) of Total Bid Price and must be delivered in accordance with the instruction to the bidders on or before 10:00 a.m. on June 28, 2001 and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter.
7. The Provincial Government of Bukidnon (PGB) will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
8. In the comparison of bids, ADB's Domestic Preference Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Instruction to Bidders.
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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 206
Series of 2001.....................)

SUBJECT: Disposal of confiscated fish and other items in fishing through explosives and noxious or poisonous substances

Pursuant to Section 88 of R.A. No. 8550, this order on the disposal of fish and other items impounded in the case of blast fishing and fishing by means of noxious substances is hereby issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. On blast fishing cases. -

a) Whenever the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, a fish warden deputized by the Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) or a BFAR Law Enforcement Officer seizes without warrant fish suspected to have been caught by means of explosives in a fishing boat, marketplace or elsewhere, he shall take adequate samples thereof, which shall immediately be examined for determination whether or not the same have been caught by means of explosives. Pending the result of the examination, the fish shall not be allowed to be unloaded from the boat or sold if in the marketplace.

b) Samples taken for examination shall at least be 100 grams in weight. The ideal number of fish samples is three to five (3-5) pieces for big-sized fish or ten to twenty (10-20) pieces for small fish or fingerlings. These should be frozen or packed in ice then submitted to the nearest Fish Examiner specially trained to examine fish caught by explosives or to any municipal health offices or crime/hospital laboratory for examination.

c) If the examination shows that the fish sample is positive for blast fishing, the same shall be preserved for evidence. The samples shall be preserved in formalin solution using 37% concentration of commercial formalin. The solution shall be prepared by mixing 3% of said formalin with 7% water. A higher formalin concentration will change the above ratio to come up with a 10% preservative solution. The preserved samples shall be properly labeled and the species identified in its scientific, English and local names, whenever and whichever applicable. The captain or incharge of the boat, or vendor or possessor of the fish,if in the marketplace or elsewhere shall be required to countersign the labeled evidence. In case of refusal, an affidavit to this effect shall be prepared by the apprehending officer, attested by two witnesses.

SEC. 2. On fish caught by means of noxious substances. -

a) Fish caught by means of noxious substances like sodium cyanide exhibit no outward manifestation to that effect visible to the naked eye. Upon seizure without warrant, at least 100 grams of fish, either three to five pieces in case of big-sized fish or ten to twenty small-sized fish or fingerlings shall be take as samples. Water sample of about one liter may likewise be collected from the scene of the offense, which sample should reach the laboratory within four (4) hours from collection. Fish samples must be packed in polyethylene plastic, either frozen or placed in a closed container or bottle with proportionate ratio of ice. In the absence of ice, ethyl alcohol or absolute alcohol may be used. Formalin must not be used at this stage. The internal organs of the fish samples must never be removed. The samples must be brought to the BFAR Laboratory or any government crime/hospital laboratory for examination the soonest possible time.

b) If positive for cyanide or other noxious substances, the samples may be preserved in formalin and labeled, in the manner indicated in Section 1(c). It is not advisable that the same or any part or portion thereof be distributed to charitable and penal institutions as the safety of those who will consume the same cannot be assured, and in most cases, fish laced with cyanide is proven to be injurious to humans and animals alike. Those still briskly alive shall be returned to their habitat and those in worse condition shall be disposed of properly. The disposal shall be done by the apprehending officer in the presence of a third-ranking BFAR official, and representatives from the Office of the Prosecutor (Department of Justice) or the Philippine National Police (PNP), and shall be documented properly.

SEC. 3. Disposition of illegally-caught fish and items seized. -

a) If the examination shows that the samples were caught by blast fishing, the apprehending officer shall confiscate the fish haul for distribution to charitable institutions. Those willing to accept the dynamited fish still safe to eat shall execute promissory notes of their willingness to return the value of the fish in case of acquittal of the accused in court. In case such charitable institutions demur, the same may be given to penal institutions instead, with the same promissory note of repayment in case of acquittal of the accused.

b) Fish caught by means of blast fishing no longer fit for human consumption shall be disposed of properly by observing the process outlined in Section 2 (b), so as not to contaminate the environment nor pose any danger to humans and animals alike.

c) In all the two major fishing violations, the apprehending officer shall likewise immediately seize, impound and take possession of the fishing vessel, tackle and appurtenances thereto, as well as the explosives, noxious or poisonous substances, or and other tools and the proceeds of the offense. He shall prepare an inventory of the items seized and issue a receipt to be countersigned by the captain, master or incharge of the boat. Should the latter refuse, this fact shall be manifested in an affidavit attested by two witnesses. The seized items, documents and fish samples shall be kept in safe custody by the apprehending officer prior to being turned over to the investigating prosecutor or the PNP Prosecutor. Copy of the registration papers and pertinent vessel licenses, its make and description, other relevant information and a photograph thereof shall be taken prior to its being ceded to the PNP-Maritime Group (MARIG) for the latter's safekeeping during the course of the trial, pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement of the National Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (NALECC).

SEC. 4. Application. — Reference to the provisions of this Order may be resorted to by fish wardens deputized by the local governments and by other law enforcement officers, in the absence of an ordinance or rule covering the subject matter. It may be applied as well, in the disposition of confiscated fish and impounded items in cases of other fishery law violations. *Provided that,* local governments may enact an ordinance providing a different mode of disposition of fish catch and the vessel seized, *Provided further,* that the same is within constitutional and legal bounds.

SEC. 5. Repeal. — Circular 130, all orders, rules or regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. — This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register.

ISSUED this 17th day of May, 2001 at Quezon City, Metropolitan Manila, Philippines.

LEONARDO Q. MONTEMAYOR
Secretary

Recommended by:

MALCOLM I. SARMIENTO, JR.
Director
Bureau of Fisheries
and Aquatic Resources

CESAR M. DRILON, JR.
Undersecretary for Fisheries
and concurrently
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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 207 :
Series of 2001..................)

SUBJECT: Prohibiting the importation and culture of imported live shrimp and prawn of all stages

Pursuant to Sections 10, 61 (c and d), 67 and 100 of R.A. No. 8550, this prohibition on the importation and culture of live shrimp of all stages is hereby issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Definition. — The terms as used in this order shall be construed as follows:

a. *Shrimp or prawn.* — Species of crustaceans with five pairs of walking legs and five pairs of abdominal swimming legs used for locomotion.
b. *Culture.* — The cultivation of imported live shrimp or prawn.
c. *Import risk analysis.* — The process of identifying and estimating the risk associated with the importation of live shrimp and prawn and evaluating the consequences of taking such risks.
d. *Import risk analysis panel.* — A group of competent persons designated by the Director to carry out the import risk analysis.
e. *CITES Appendices.* — refer to Appendix I, II and III of the Convention which are lists of species of plants and animals endangered by trade.

SEC. 2. Prohibition. — It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or juridicial, to import live shrimp and prawn of all stages and culture the same: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of Agriculture, upon recommendation of the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, may grant a special permit, free of charge, to government and private organizations to import live shrimp or prawn of any stage otherwise prohibited in this Order only for scientific and/or educational purposes subject to such terms and conditions as the said Secretary may impose such as import risk assessment including submission of health certificate issued by a reputable shrimp health laboratory showing that the batch of shrimp or prawn is free from significant viral diseases: *Provided, Further,* That the broodstock thereof shall be established in quarantine and only F1 generation of the same shall be introduced in fishponds if no problems are noted, pursuant to the Code of Practice of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea and such other requirements as may be recommended by the Bureau's Import Risk Analysis Panel: *Provided, finally,* That the importation of live shrimp and prawn under a special permit herein allowed but used otherwise than from the prescribed scientific or educational purposes will render the offender liable as if no special permit has been granted at all.

SEC. 3. Penalty. — Violation of this order shall hold the offender liable to imprisonment for eight (8) years, and a fine of eighty thousand pesos (80,000.00) including the banning from being a member or stockholder in companies engaged in fisheries now existing or which may be created in the future and the destruction of the live imported shrimp and prawn or forfeiture of the non-live ones for proper disposition of the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

SEC. 4. Repeal. — All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. — This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register.

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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 208 :
Series of 2001..................)

SUBJECT: Conservation of rare, threatened and endangered fishery species

Pursuant to Sections 11 and 97 of R.A. No. 8550, this order on the conservation of rare, threatened and endangered fishery/aquatic species is hereby issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Definition. — As used in this Order, the following terms shall be construed as:

a. *Rare.* — Fishery/aquatic resources with small world populations that are not endangered or vulnerable at present.
b. *Threatened.* — A general term which may be used to describe a fishery or aquatic species the population of which is endangered, vulnerable or rare.
c. *Endangered.* — refers to the species, subspecies, inlcuding the eggs, offspring, parts and derivatives of plants and animals listed in the CITES Appendices
d. *CITES.* — The acronym for the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.
e. *CITES Appendices* — refer to Appendix I, II and III of the Convention which are lists of species of plants and animals endangered by trade.

SEC. 2. Prohibition. — It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or juridical, to take or catch or cause to be taken or caught the following fishery/aquatic species.

A. RARE SPECIES

1. Gastropods:

Scientific Name	English Name
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Clypeomorus aduncus	bent cerith
Recluzea lutea	recluzia snail
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C. katsuae	Katsue's cowrie
C. leucodon	white toothed cowrie
C. aurantium	golden cowrie
C. valentia	Prince cowrie
Phenacovolva dancei	dance volva
Cypraeacassis rufa	bullmouth helmet
Phalium coronadoi wyvillei	Wyville's bonnet
P. glabratum glabratum	smooth bonnet
Morum kurzi	Kurzi's morum
M. grande	giant morum
M watsoni	Watson's morum

2. Bivalves:

Amusium obliteratum	smudged moon scallop
Eufistulana mumia	club-shaped boring clam

B. THREATENED SPECIES

1. Gastropods

Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name
Turbo marmoratus	green snail	laong, bulatok
Trochus niloticus	smooth top shell	samong; simong; tuwad
Barnea manilensis	angel wing shell	diwal

2. Crabs

Birgus latro	coconut crab	tatus, umang; alimangong lupa

C. ENDANGERED SPECIES

1. Whales and dolphins

Scientific Name	English Name	Local Name
Stenella longirostris	spinner dolphin	lumba-lumba
Stenella attenuata	Pantropical spotted dolphin	lumba-lumba; balakiki
Stenella coeruleoalba	striped dolphin	lumba-lumba
Lagenodelphis hosei	Fraser's dolphin	mayahon
Tursiops truncates	long-snouted bottle-nose dolphin	lumba-lumba, lumod lumod
Grampus griseus	Risso's dolphin	lumba-lumba; kabang
Peponocephala electra	melon-headed whale	lumod
Feresa attenuata	pygmy killer whale	lumod
Globicephala macrorhynchus	short-finned pilot whale	pakatang-ambuhatan
Pseudorca crassidens	false killer whale	balyena
Orcinus orca	killer whale	balyena
Steno bredanensis	rough toothed dolphin	lumba-lumba
Kogia breviceps	pygmy sperm whale	balyena
Kogia simus	dwarf sperm whale	balyena
Mesoplodon densirostris	Blainville's beaked whale	balyena
Ziphius cavirostris	Cuvier's beaked whale	balyena
Physeter macrocephalus	sperm whale	balyena
Megaptera novaeangliae	humpback whale	balyena
Balaenoptera edeni	Bryde's whale	balyena, bongkaras
Balaenoptera physalus	fin whale'	balyena

2. Clams:

Tridacna gigas	true giant clam	taklobo
T. derasa	smooth giant clam	taklobo
T. squamosa	fluted/scaly giant clam	hagdan-hagdan
T. maxima	elongated giant clam	manlet; manlot
T. crocea	boring/crocus clam	let-let
Hippopus hippopus	strawberry/horse hoof clam	kukong kabayo
H. procellanus	china/porcelain clam	kukong kabayo

3. Sea Snakes

Cerberus rhynchops	dogfaced water snake	kalabukab

SEC. 3. Penalty. — Violation of this order shall hold the offender liable to the penalty of imprisonment from twelve years to twenty years or a fine of one hundred and twenty thousand pesos, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court, including forfeiture of the catch subject of the offense and cancellation of his fishing permit, if applicable.

SEC. 4. Repeal. — All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. — This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register.

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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 209
Series of 2001....................)

SUBJECT: Guideline on the production, harvesting, handling and transportation of shellfish for implementation of the local government.

Pursuant to Section 60 of RA 8435 and Section 65 (s) of R.A. 8550, this guideline on the production, handling, transportation and packaging of shellfish is hereby issued for the information and guidance of local governments.

SECTION 1. Definition. — The terms as used in this Order shall be construed as follows:

a. *Auxiliary invoice.* — An official document accompanying the shipment of shellfish issued by the duly authorized representative of the municipal or city government from its point of origin to its final destination in the country and/or export purposes, its quantity and estimated value if sold, the fee paid therefor and who received the payment, including the serial number of the official receipt used, to monitor the movement of shellfish in the country.
b. *Growing area.* — An area in the sea, estuarine or lagoon containing a natural species of shellfish; a site for the culture of shellfish.
c. *Shellfish.* — All species of univalves and bivalves which are filter feeders such as lamillibranch mollusks and gastrophods.
d. *Shuckling.* — Removal of the meat from its shell.

SEC. 2. Choice of site for shellfish culture. —

a. The site shall be situated near rivermouths shielded by rocks and trees, free from strong currents and rich in zoo and phytoplankton.
b. The sea bottom shall be muddy or sandy substrates having a natural population of sponges and barnacles.
c. The depth shall be 3 to 4 meters for mussels, and 1/2 to 3 meters for oysters using the pole or stake method. For floating raft it shall be from 8 to 10 meters deep with adequate tidal exchange.
d. The water salinity shall be from 27 to 35 ppt. for mussels, and 17 to 26 ppt. for oyster. The water temperature shall range from 26 to 28 degrees Celsius.
e. A sanitary survey of growing areas shall be conducted to evaluate environmental facts such as —
    1) Potential pollution sources from domestic/land based and industrial waste discharges, septic tanks and other aquaculture activities;
    2) Water quality based on bacteriological criteria for faecal Coliform, and other pathogens; and
    3) Meteorological and geographical evaluation such as salinity, depth, rainfall patterns and intensity and prevailing winds.

SEC. 3. Gathering of shellfish.

a. Shellfish shall be gathered only upon issuance of a certificate to harvest issued by the municipal or city fishery officer;
b. The shellfish shall be thoroughly brushed, scrubbed and washed of mud and other tenacious dirt;
c. The shellfish shall be kept away from excessive heat and transported immediately not later than 15 hours after harvest;
d. Watercrafts used in gathering the shellfish shall be cleaned to prevent contamination from pathogenic organisms;
e. The shellfish shall be protected from any contamination, i.e., diesel, lubricants, gas, or oil, and
f. Methods destructive to shellfish shall not be employed in gathering the same.

SEC. 4. Handling, transporting and packaging the shellfish. —

a. Personnel with cuts, open wounds or suffering from communicable disease shall not be allowed to handle the shellfish;
b. The shellfish shall be packed in clean packaging material; the live shellfish in clean sacks, bamboo baskets (or *kaing), bayong* and crates, while its meat (cooked or raw) in PE bags, styrophore and polystyrene boxes;
c Shell meat for transport shall be packed in plastics bags to avoid direct contact with ice and maintained at temperatures of 4 degrees to 0 degrees Celsius;
d. The amount of ice packing shall depend on the length of time required for the shipment to reach its destination, the temperature maintained at 5 degrees Celsius; and
e. The shipment of shellfish shall always be accompanied by an auxiliary invoice issued from its point of origin.

SEC. 5. Health control and monitoring. — Health control and monitoring shall be conducted periodically by BFAR, to include:

a. Monitoring of all growing areas in coordination with the municipal or city government shall be conducted at regular intervals for microbiological test of water and the shell meat;
b. Verification of the implementation of issuance of the auxiliary invoice in transporting shellfish; and
c. Checking on the handling and transport of shellfish from the harvest area to the pre-processing or processing plant during on-site verification.

SEC. 6. Local legislation. — Ordinances shall be promulgated by the local governments penalizing the following:

a. The taking, gathering, or harvesting of shellfish from waters placed under ban by the National Red Tide Task Force or Red Tide Testing Centers, for which no certificate to harvest shall be issued by the local government official concerned;
b. Issuance of auxiliary invoice for shellfish nevertheless gathered sans the certificate to harvest issued therefor;
c. Transporting shellfish without proper auxiliary invoice issued from its point of origin;
d. Gathering shellfish or the spat thereof from "dirty" waters (with history of red tide occurrence) for seeding of "clean" waters (with no history of red tide occurrence).

SEC. 7. Effectivity. — This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register.

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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 210 :
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SUBJECT: Rules and Regulations on the exportation of fresh, chilled and frozen fish and fishery/aquatic products.

Pursuant to Section 61 (d) and 100 of R.A. No. 8550, the following rules and regulation on the exportation of fresh, chilled or frozen fish and fishery/aquatic product are promulgated for guidance of all concerned.

Section 1. Definition. — The terms as used in this order shall be construed as follows:

a. **Chilled fish.** — Fresh fish that has been subjected to zero degree Celsius (0°C).
b. **Director** — shall refer to the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.
c. **Fish processing establishment** — Any premises where fish products are prepared and processed as chilled, frozen, dried, smoked, canned, packaged or stored.
d. **Fish and fishery/aquatic products** — include all crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic products, seawater and freshwater animals or other products fo aquatic living resources or parts thereof in whatever form whether fresh, chilled, frozen or processed, including but not limited to seaweeds, squalene and blubbers intended for human consumption.
e. **Fish inspection** — The assessment of the capability of fish processing plants to implement and comply with the prescribed food safety and quality control measures.
f. **Food grade** — A state of any ingredient which when added to food or of any material which comes into direct contact with the food will maintain its fitness for human consumption.
g. **Food grade utensils and equipment** — are utensils and equipment made of food grade materials appropriate for use in processing food products.

h. **Food safety** — The assurance that food is processed properly and when consumed will not be harmful to the consumers.
i. **Frozen fish** — is fish which has been subjected to a freezing process sufficient to reduce the temperature of the product to minus 18 degrees Celsius (-18° C) in order to preserve its quality and to maintain it at this temperature.
j. **Good Manufacturing Practices (or GMP)** — A set of rules or guidelines to be implemented in the fish processing plant which includes adherence to existing rules and regulations in force respecting plant construction, personnel hygiene and sanitation specific to a product that supports a company's policy and standard.
k. **Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP).** — Preventive quality management system which identifies, evaluates and controls the hazards which are significant to food safety. A HACCP Plan is a company's written document delineating the procedures to be followed in accordance with the seven HACCP principles to ensure food safety.
l. **Product sanitary/health certification.** — A certification issued by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources attesting that the fish products conform with the established sanitary standards and health requirements.
m. **Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP).** — Written procedures to be followed to ensure that the processing and production of a certain product is carried out under sanitary and hygienic conditions.

SEC. 2. Requirements for the exportation of fish products. —

a. Only fish products which have been processed in fish processing establishments certified by BFAR to be compliant with the SSOP and HACCP system shall be allowed to be exported.
b. Fish products shall be subjected to product tests required by the importing country at any BFAR laboratory or accredited laboratories the result of which shall be presented to BFAR as among the basis for issuance of the product sanitary/health certificate.
c. Fish products shall be derived from species whose biological, microbiological and chemical characteristics meet the following standards:

Microbiological:

- Aerobic Plate Count (APC) -	500,000/g
- Escherichia coli -	11/g
- Salmonella -	absent in 25 g
- Shigella -	absent
- Vibrio cholera -	absent
- Staphylococcus aureus -	1000/g

Chemical:

- Lead (Pb) -	0.5 ppm
- Mercury (Hg) -	0.5 ppm
- Cadmium (Cd) -	0.5 ppm

Marine biotoxins:

- Ciguatoxin -	negative
- Paralytic shellfish toxin -	40 micrograms/100g
- Histamine -	200 ppm or 20 mg/100 g

d. **Physical characteristics** — Fish products shall meet the minimum physical characteristics appropriate for a specific product established by BFAR.
e. **Packaging** — Fish products shall be packed under hygienic and sanitary conditions in a manner and with such precautions to preclude lubricants, oil fuel or any hazardous substances. Packaging materials to be used shall be of food grade.
f. **Storage** — Fish products shall be stored and maintained at the temperature required for specific products (i.e. zero degree Celsius for fresh/chilled and minus 20 degrees Celsius or below for frozen fishery products).

SEC. 3. Prohibition — It shall be unlawful for any person to export fishery products of whatever size, stage or form for any purpose without first securing an appropriate permit therefor from the Bureau of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources.

SEC. 4. Kinds of export permits — The export permits which BFAR may issue are:

a. *Commercial export permits.* — A permit attesting that the commercial export product is in accordance with the established standards for such products; and
b. *Gratuitous export permit.* — A permit issued free of charge for fish products intended for sample, personal, educational, exhibit and scientific or similar purposes provided that the volume thereof does not exceed ten (10) kilograms valued at not more than two thousand (2,000.00) pesos.

SEC. 5. Procedure — Applications for an export permit be filed on a per shipment basis with the BFAR at least one (1) week prior to the date of exportation, to be accompanied by an export declaration, packing list, and a duly certified check payable to BFAR or cash in the amount of fifty (P50.00) pesos as payment for the processing fee which shall not be refundable and the application non-transferable. Export permits shall expire thirty (30) days after issuance thereof. An unused export permit shall be considered automatically cancelled.

A product sanitary/health certificate shall also be issued on a per shipment basis at least one week before the date of exportation upon payment of fifty (P50.00) pesos as certification fee. The same shall expire thirty (30) days after issuance thereof. An unused certificate shall be considered automatically cancelled.

SEC. 6. Pre-shipment Inspection. — Fish products shall be inspected prior to its shipment for proper verification, and to ensure completeness of its accompanying documents.

The following information shall be indicated in bold on the packaging/container of the fish products and accompanying documents, except on fish products packed in bulk intended for further processing:

a. The words "Product of the Philippines" or in the Philippines"
b. Name of the product
c. Name and address of the manufacturer
d. BFAR inspection dates and stamp mark.

Other conditions or information required by the importing countries, may also be included in the product marking/label.

SEC. 7. Penalty. — Violation of this order shall hold the offender liable to the penalty of imprisonment for eight (8) years, a fine of eighty thousand pesos (P80,000.00) and forfeiture of the subject fishery product for proper disposition by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources: Provided, That the violator shall also be banned from being a member or stockholder of companies currently engaged in fisheries or those to be created in the future.

SEC. 8. Repeal — FAO No. 147 and all other rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this order, are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. — This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register.

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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 211 :
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SUBJECT: Requirements for pre-processing and processing plants, the SSOP thereof and the processing and quality requirements for shellfish

Pursuant to Section 62 of R.A. 8550 in relation to the GATT-WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the FAO Code of Responsible Fisheries, this guideline on the requirements for pre-processing and processing plants for shellfish, the Sanitation Standard Operating Procedure thereof and the processing of shellfish is hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Definitions of Terms. — For purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

a. **Approval Number.** — A number assigned to a pre-processing plant certifying to its compliance with the requirements established by the BFAR.
b. **Faecal coliform.** — Aerobic, gram-negative, non-spore forming rod-shaped bacteria present in the guts of animals and human beings that can pose food safety problem.
c. **Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP).** — Practices and procedures implemented in processing plants to ensure product safety, product quality and prevention of economic fraud.
d. **Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP).** — A preventive food quality management system in the production and processing that identifies, evaluates, and controls hazards which are significant to food safety.
e. **Pre-processing plant or establishment.** — A facility where preliminary processing or preparation of product is undertaken.
f. **Processing.** — The act of subjecting shellfish to steaming, boiling, freezing or packing in hermetically sealed container and to heat treatment prior to consumption.
g. **Shellfish.** — All species of univalves and bivalves which are filter feeders such as lamillibranch mollusks such as gastrophods.
h. **Standard Sanitation Operating Procedures (SSOP)** — are the set of practices, procedures, and rules designed for the promotion and maintenance of health and cleanliness in the processing plant.
i. **Self-cleaning.** — Soaking live shellfish in clean seawater for 12 hours or more to remove dirt, mud and sand.

SECTION 2. Requirements for pre-processing and processing establishment. — Pre-processing and processing establishment for shellfish shall comply with the following minimum requirements in addition to the environmental regulations:

a. **Premises.**
   1) Premises and surroundings shall be free of animals, rodents, garbage and other potential sources of contaminations or pollutants;
   2) Proper drainage for wastewater shall be provided.
b. **Physical facilities and equipment.**
   1) Adequate working area for processing under sanitary and hygienic conditions;
   2) Design and layout shall be in such a way that clean and dirty parts of the operation shall be separated to prevent contamination of the product.
   3) Processing plant shall comply with the following:
      a) Flooring shall be made of concrete or waterproof material; properly sloped to facilitate the flow of liquid waste; floor surfaces smooth, clean and sanitized before and after operation; free from cracks and crevices; drainage canal provided with cover.
      b) Walls shall be made of smooth concrete; cleaned and sanitized regularly at pre-determined time; and free from gaps and openings.
      c) Entrance/exit doors shall be provided with plastic curtains or screen and swinging outward; and properly maintained.
      d) Ceiling or roof linings designed for easy cleaning and properly maintained;
      e) Properly illuminated; all lights at the working area shall be provided with covers that are easily cleaned and well maintained.
      f) Exhaust fan or similar device to extract hot air or steam during cooking/steaming shall be provided.

SECTION 3. — Requirements for Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP) in pre-processing and processing plants.

a. **Safety of Water and Ice Used.**
   1) Water for processing used in cooking and steaming shall be potable, clean or bacteriologically safe and free from faecal coliform.
   2) Free chlorine level of 1 to 1.5 ppm shall be monitored and recorded at least twice a day.
   3) Water from approved or government source shall be analyzed for microbial safety at least twice a year; monthly for deep well or private source and record thereof be dept and made available for verification during inspections;
   4) Water for ice making shall be potable and microbiologically acceptable. Ice purchased from private sources shall be analyzed to determine its acceptability. Processors shall also conduct a quarterly laboratory analysis of its ice used and record thereof shall be kept and made available during inspection.
   5) Deep well source shall be provided with cover to prevent entry of dust and extraneous materials that might contaminate the water
b. **Condition and cleanliness of utensils/equipment and working clothes of workers.**
   1) All equipment such as cooking or steam vat, shucking utensils, working tables and other containers used shall be of food grade material and shall be cleaned and sanitized before and after use;
   2) Equipment and utensils used shall be free from rust and kept well maintained;
   3) Handles of shucking/shelling knives shall not be made of wood, non-corrosive, cleaned and sanitized before and after operation;
   4) Workers shall wear clean and appropriate working clothes
c. **Prevention of cross-contamination on shell meat, packaging materials and other contact surfaces.**
   1) All workers shall wash their hands before starting to work, after toilet use, after touching dirty objects, and after each work break;
   2) All food contact surfaces shall be properly cleaned and sanitized before and after use.
   3) Packaging materials used shall be properly stored and protected from contamination
   4) Only clean packaging materials shall be used.
   5) Chlorinated hand dip shall be provided inside the working area with the free chlorine concentration of 5 to 10 ppm and monitored at pre-determined time.
d. **Maintenance of hand washing, sanitizing and toilet facilities.**
   1) Entrance into the processing area shall be provided with footbath and hand washing/sanitizing facilities with free chlorine concentration of 150 to 200 ppm.
   2) Toilet and hand washing facilities shall be provided with faucets (not hand operated) and liquid soap
   3) Chlorinated hand dip shall be provided inside working area with free chlorine concentration of 5 to 10 ppm; monitored at pre-determined time; and records kept and made available during inspection
   4) Adequate number of flushable toilet bowls shall be provided; cleaned and sanitized.
   5) Toilet doors swinging outside; floors should be provided with drainage.
e. **Protection of packaging material and contact surfaces from adulteration.**
   1) All packaging material shall be properly stored separately from other cleaning and toxic compounds; protected from dust and dirt and not in direct contact with the floor;
   2) All food contact surfaces shall be non-corrosive, cleaned and sanitized before and after use
f. **Proper labeling, storage and use of toxic compounds.**
   1) Cleaning, sanitizing and toxic substances shall be correctly labeled and properly stored.
g. **Control of employees' health and conditions**
   1) Workers shall undergo medical check-up before employment; record thereof shall be made available for verification by inspectors.
   2) Annual medical check-up shall be required.
   3) Workers shall have short, clean, and unpolished fingernails.
   4) Workers with hand cuts or wounds shall not be allowed to work.
   5) Eating, drinking, and smoking shall be prohibited in the pre-processing and processing plants.
   6) Spitting can be done in properly designated area.
h. **Exclusion of pests and animals.**
   1) Pre-processing plant shall be properly enclosed to prevent entry of pests, animals, insects and rodents.
   2) Pest control program shall be established and implemented;

SECTION 4. Requirements relating to pre-processing plant. — Pre-processing plant where preliminary preparation or processing are undertaken prior to transport to the main processing plant shall be approved by BFAR based on the following:

a. The pre-processing plant shall comply with the provision of Section 2 and 3 of this Order;
b. An approval Number shall be assigned by BFAR for each pre-processing plant that has complied with the requirements.
c. Pre-processing plants owned and managed by an accredited processing plant manufacturing the final product shall no longer be required to have an Approval Number, Provided, it has complied with the requirement of Sections 2 and 3 of this Order.
d. Health control and monitoring during the processing shall be established and implemented by trained personnel and workers.

SECTION 5. Requirements in the processing of shellfish. — Shellfish transported to the pre-processing plant shall be prepared or processed immediately and shall comply with the following:

a. Only shellfish that are packed in clean containers shall be accepted and shall be inspected upon arrival.
b. Grading shall be sorted immediately; dead, damaged shells, and other extraneous materials such as barnacles and other species shall be removed and discarded.
c. Grading according to size and species shall be done in a sanitary and hygienic manner without delay.
d. Shellfish shall be washed in sanitary and hygienic manner to remove dirt and adhering mud.
e. Shellfish such as nylon shell, abalone, and scallops shall be soaked in clean seawater or potable water with salt added (3% brine) for adequate period of time (overnight) for self-cleaning.
f. Water temperature shall be maintained between 3 degrees Celsius and 7 degrees Celsius; monitored at pre-determined time, and record thereof kept and made available during inspection.
g. Water shall be cleaned as frequently as necessary to eliminate dirty and other extraneous materials.
h. Equipment shall be of food grade material, easy to clean, sanitize, and properly maintained.

SECTION 6. — Requirements relating to raw and cooked shell meat. — Shellfish intended for pre-processing, as raw and cooked meat shall comply with the following requirements:

a. Cooking or heat treatment intended to relax the adductor muscles for easy shucking shall comply with the following:
   1) Water used for cooking shall be potable.
   2) The time and temperature for cooking shall be dependent on the species and size.
   3) Cooking shall be followed by rapid cooling until the internal temperature of the meat is 7 degrees Celsius within two (2) hours.
   4) Cooking and cooling temperature shall be monitored and recorded at pre-determined intervals; and record thereof shall be kept and made available for verification during inspection.
   5) Cooking utensils shall be of non-corrosive material; well maintained; cleaned and sanitized before and after use.
   6) Steaming/cooking shall be carried out in sanitary and hygienic conditions.
b. Shucking to remove meat from shell shall comply with the following requirements:
   1) Shucking shall be carried out under sanitary and hygienic conditions; equipment and utensils made have approved food grade materials; cleaned and sanitized before and after use.
   2) Workers shall always wash their hands at frequent intervals as necessary;
   3) Cooked meat shall be kept chilled at a temperature between 4 degrees Celsius to 0 degree Celsius. Time and temperature monitored and recorded; and record thereof kept and made available for verification during inspection.
   4) Shells and other waste materials shall be disposed of as frequently as possible.

SECTION 7. Requirements relating to the processing of shellfish products. — Processors shall develop and implement a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) system in the processing of shellfish products.

a. Frozen shellfish products shall comply with the following requirements:
   1) Shell meat intended to be frozen or quick-frozen shall comply with the quality requirement of Sections 6 and 8 of this Order.
   2) Sterilization in hermetically sealed containers shall comply with the following requirements:
      a) Potable water shall be used.
      b) Retorting and heat treatment shall be based on internationally approved process schedule. Records of heat treatment, temperature and fill-in weight shall be monitored and records shall be kept and made available for verification during inspection by BFAR.
      c) Retort equipment shall be equipped with device to monitor temperature and pressure, and installed in a place accessible for reading.
      d) Samples shall be drawn from each production date and subjected to incubation test and microbial test in an approved laboratory, and record shall be kept and made available for verification during inspection by BFAR.
      e) Can code or marks shall be assigned per batch to identify the lot of the products.
      f) Checks for can integrity shall be carried out including visual check for external can damage.

SECTION 8. Quality requirements for shellfish. — Shellfish intended for export and for domestic consumption shall comply with the following requirements:

a. **Acceptable microbiological levels:**
   1) **Fresh/frozen meat:**

Aerobic plate count (APC) - 500,000/g sample

Escherichia coli -	16 MPN/g sample
Salmonella -	absent in 25 g sample
Shigella -	Negative
Vibrio Cholera -	Negative

   2) **Cooked frozen meat:**

Aerobic plate count (APC) - 500,000/g sample
(35 degrees to 37 degrees Celsius incubation)

Salmonella -	absent in 25 g sample
Staphylococcus -	1000/g
Escherichia coli -	11/g

   3) **Canned product:**

Anaerobic count -	negative in 25g sample

(Incubation at 37 degrees Celsius for 10 days)

b. **Acceptable level of PSP toxins:**

PSP toxin -	40 microgram/100g meat

c. **Chemical contaminants:**

Mercury -	0.5 ppm
Lead -	0.5 ppm
Cadmium -	1.0 ppm
Tin -	200.0 ppm

SECTION 9. Requirements in the Inspection of pre-processing and processing plants. — Approved pre-processing and processing plants for shellfish shall be inspected at regular interval to include:

a. Verification of compliance to the provisions of this Order.
b. Monitoring of the processing of shellfish pursuant to the provisions of this Order.
c. Verification on the traceability of the final product to include the identification and marking.

SECTION 10. Local Legislation. — The LGUs shall, by appropriate ordinance, penalize the following prohibitions:

a. Operation of a pre-processing plant without a valid Approval Number issued by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources; and/or found not in compliance with the minimum requirements therefor, notwithstanding any license issued by the local government unit concerned or other government agencies;
b. Processing of shellfish products without a valid and approved Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) System, a food safety control program verified and properly implemented and has not complied with the minimum requirements of Sections 2 and 3 of this Order.
c. Processing of shellfish products that are found to contain and/or contaminated with toxins, microorganisms and chemicals injurious to human health

SECTION 11 Effectivity. — This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register.

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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 212
Series of 2001)

SUBJECT: Guideline on the Implementation of HACCP System

Pursuant to Sections 62, 65 (1) and 67 (c) of R.A. no. 8550, this guideline on the implementation of the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point is hereby issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Definition. — The terms as used in this order, shall be construed as follows:

a. **Accreditation** — A procedure wherein BFAR gives a formal recognition to a fish processing plant as having the competency to carry out the HACCP program.
b. **Corrective Action Request (CAR)** — Issued to the company to correct serious deficiencies noted during inspection.
c. **Critical Control Point (CCP)** — A process step in which control can be applied to prevent, eliminate, or reduce food safety hazards.
d. **Control Point (CP)** — A step, process and/or an operation in the manufacturing process from raw material to its final consumption.
e. **Critical Limit (CL)** — One or more prescribed tolerances that must be met to control hazards at the critical point which separates acceptability from unacceptability.
f. **Fish** — includes all fish and other aquatic species such as crustaceans (crabs, prawns, shrimps and lobsters), cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish and octopus) and molluscs (clams, mussels, scallops, oyster, snail and gastrophods).
g. **Fish processing plant** — The facility where fish and fishery products are prepared processed, chilled, forzen, packaged and stored.
h. **Fishery Products** — include all seawater or freshwater animals or other products of acquatic living resources or parts thereof, e.g., seaweeds, invertebrates, etc.
i. **Food safety.** — The assurance that the food is processed properly and when consumed will not be harmful.
j. **Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)** — The set of rules implemented in the processing plant which includes adherence to existing rules and regulations in force respecting plant construction, personnel hygiene and sanitation that supports company's policy and standards.
k. **Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP).** — A preventative food quality management system which identifies, evaluates and controls the hazards significant to food safety specific to a product.
l. **HACCP plan.** — A written document delineating the formal procedure to be followed in accordance with the seven HACCP principles in order to ensure food safety specific to a product.
m. **HACCP compliance certificate.** — A written document issued by BFAR attesting that the fish processing plant is HACCP compliant.
n. **International standards.** — Standards established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission
o. **Monitor.** — The act of conducting a planned sequence of observations or measurements of control parameters at the CCP.
p. **Prerequisite program** — involves or is composed of Good Manufacturing Practices and Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures.

q. **Processors** — are the people engaged in the commercial or institutional processing of fish and fishery products for export and the domestic market.
r. **Satellite fish processing plant.** — Fish processing plant/s owned and operated by a single company located in different areas where fish and fishery products are processed.
s. **Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP)** — A set of rules and guidelines on hygiene and sanitation established by a processing plant to achieve the goal of food safety.

SEC. 2. Fish Inspection. — The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources shall be the primary agency responsible in implementing the HACCP-based fish inspection and, in consonance thereto, shall have the following functions.

a. Inspect, monitor, assess/audit fish processing plants;
b. Inspect fish and fishery/aquatic products coming into or going out of the country;
c. Document and authorize the movement or trade of fishery products to ensure compliance to the requirements of the national and international market;
d. Conduct monitoring and surveillance of imported fish and fishery products to verify its intended use;
e. Issue voluntary product certificate for the export of fish and fishery/aquatic products as required by the importing countries;
f. Impose sanctions on accredited fish processing plants not complying with national/international standard rules and regulations;
g. Provide laboratory services to the industry on product testing and analysis;
h. Dispose of fish and fishery products found to be adulterated, decomposed or unsafe for human consumption;
i. Upgrade the skill and competence of personnel performing regulatory assessment of fish and fishery products and including fish processing plants; and
j. Provide training and advisory services to the industry.

SEC. 3. Qualification of HACCP Inspector. — The HACCP system Inspector/Auditor shall have the following qualifications:

a. A degree in fisheries, food science or allied courses;
b. Experience of at least two years in inspection and quality assurance activities;
c. Trained on HACCP and has acquired competency and skills required in conducting the inspection/audit; and
d. Has knowledge and understanding of the national and international standards and regulatory requirements.

SEC. 4. Purpose of HACCP-based Inspection. — The inspection shall be carried out to establish the capability of fish processing plants to manufacture and/or distribute safe food and obtain evidence that the HACCP system is effectively implemented. The inspection may be applied in a mandatory or voluntary basis.

a. Mandatory inspection shall be conducted to enforce relevant national and international legislation and regulations and assess fish plant compliance.
b. Voluntary inspection shall be conducted upon request in writing by the management of the fish processing plant for appropriate guidance, technical assistance and development of expertise in the HACCP implementation.

SEC. 5. Scope. — HACCP-based inspection shall cover the following:

a. Fish and fishery/aquatic products intended for human consumption, to include
    1) Raw fish intended as raw material for processing or distribution
    2) Locally processed or manufactured fish and fishery products;
    3) Imported fish and fishery/aquatic products; and
    4) Fish and fishery/aquatic products intended for export.
b. Fish processing plants. — Registered and licensed fish plants and their satellite plants, processing fish and fishery/aquatic products for the domestic and export markets.

SEC. 6. Requirement for Inspection. — fish plants including those processing fish and fishery/aquatic products for export to countries with which the Philippines has entered into an aggreement, which BFAR has been tasked to implement, shall be subject to mandatory inspection.

SEC. 7. Application for Inspection. — Operators of fish processing plants shall file the application with BFAR containing the following information together with the HACCP documents required including the plant's SSOP and GMP:

a. Name and address of the fish processing plant;
b. Type of fish product/s processed at the plant;
c. Operation for which inspection is being sought.

SEC. 8. Conduct of Inspection. — Inspection of fish processing plants shall be carried out by an authorized fish inspector to ensure that:

a. Prerequisite programs are properly implemented and the objectives conform with written standard procedure;
b. Documented GMP procedures are up to date and properly implemented to meet the objectives set in the document; and
c. The written HACCP plan satisfactorily addresses food safety and has been properly implemented and maintained.

SEC. 9. Nature of Inspection. — The Director of BFAR or his duly authorized representative shall determine the frequency, intensity and type of inspection to be conducted. An inspection may be unannounced. For announced inspection, notice shall be given at least five (5) days before the inspection.

SEC. 10. Assistance to Inspectors. — The plant management shall provide assistance to the inspectors including access to areas necessary in carrying out the inspection by making available documents and records relating to HACCP, and interview of concerned personnel when necessary.

SEC. 11. Requirements of pre-requisite program. — Processors of fish and fishery products shall develop and implement a set of written rules and guidelines on the following:

a. SSOP. — Processors and importers shall monitor the following specific conditions and practices and keep records thereof, that will be made available during inspection:
    1) Safety of water used in the processing and in the manufacture of the ice;
    2) Condition and cleanliness of food contact surfaces, pieces of equipment and containers used during the processing;
    3) Application of measures to prevent cross-contamination of the food, packaging material and contact surfaces;
    4) Proper maintenance of hand washing, hand sanitizing, and toilet facilities;
    5) Protection of product, packaging material and contact surfaces from adulteration;
    6) Proper labeling, storage and use of toxic compounds;
    7) Assurance of personnel health condition through specific health program to prevent contamination of the product, packaging materials and contact surfaces; and
    8) Implementation of a pest control program in the plant.
b. GMP. — The processors and importers shall also monitor specific requirements in the proper maintenance of plant premises and facilities and equipment and the record thereof shall be kept and be made available to fish inspectors.
c. Training. — Plant personnel performing activities related to the implementation of the HACCP system shall be trained pursuant to a HACCP Training Program to be developed and implemented by management. A record of the training shall be kept and be made available for verification.

SEC. 12. HACCP plan requirements. — Processors shall prepare and implement a HACCP plan based on the seven HACCPA principles of:

a. Identifying significant food safety hazards whether product- or process-related that must be controlled;
b. Identifying CCPs in the processing steps where control measures can be applied;
c. Establishing critical limits or criteria to be met at the CCPs identified;
d. Setting up procedures and instituting a frequency schedule in monitoring the CCPs identified;
e. Establishing a corrective action plan and a set of procedures to be followed when deviation occurs;
f. Developing verification procedures and frequency plan to assess effectiveness identified; and,
g. Establishing a record keeping system to document all necessary information in the HACCP plan.

The HACCP plan shall be signed and dated by the plant manager prior to its implementation. Periodic reassessment of the plan shall be implemented and any modification and/or revision shall undergo the same process.

The written HACCP plan shall also include a complete product description and its intended use, a verified product flow process, a HACCP plan table and a detailed background information on the product to be processed.

Sec. 13. HACCP plan review. — All HACCP documents including the plant SSOP and GMP submitted shall be reviewed prior to the on-site inspection based on the following parameters:

a. Adequacy of information on the product and the process description including the operation and intended use of the product;
b. Completeness of the process flow diagram noting the information of when, how, and who confirmed the same.
c. Presence of all required elements in the plan and proof that these are addressed adequately;
d. Assessment of the management. The plant management shall be assessed on the level of commitment and compliance based on their -
    1) Compliance history
    2) Training and its application
    3) Technical knowledge available
e. Determination of completeness of information of pre-requisite programs.

SEC. 14. Revision of documents. — The plant management shall be notified of the documents identified with shortcomings or areas for improvement during the review and shall be returned with the comments and proper guidance. The documents upon completion of the revision shall be resubmitted to BFAR for the on-site inspection and verification.

SEC. 15. Issuance of CAR. — The inspector shall issue the Corrective Action Request for non-compliance or lapses noted during the inspection, specifying the date within which the defects shall be rectified, on the following bases;

a. HACCP document submitted not identical with actual processing step verified during the on-site inspection;
b. Non-compliance with legislation and government regulations;
c. Failure to identify and address food safety hazard;
d. Non-compliance with established food control program;
e. Evidence of non-conformance with the submitted HACCP plan especially on the identified critical factors in processing steps; and
f. Failure to adhere to established procedures in the pre-requisite programs.

SEC. 16. Plant's obligation towards CAR Issued. — Plants shall rectify the defect/s identified on or before the action date specified whereupon the inspector may propose in writing to amend or cancel the CAR or extend the corrective action date.

SEC. 17. Inspection report. — The inspector shall issue a summary report at the conclusion of the inspection together with the CAR issued and shall discuss the report with the management. The inspector shall provide oral or written advice and recommendations to improve the implementation and effectiveness of the system.

SEC. 18. Certification for GMP and HACCP. — The fish processing plant may be issued a GMP and/or HACCP certification on the basis of compliance to food safety regulation and legislation, including conformance to the minimum requirement on the pre-requisite programs.

SEC. 19. Requirement for HACCP certification. — Fish processing plants may be incorporated to the official list of HACCP certification upon meeting the following requirements:

a. The written HACCP plan satisfactorily addresses food safety;
b. The actual procedures comply with the documented procedure submitted;
c. On-site inspection show evidence that the HACCP plan/s are actually implemented as documented and are functioning;
d. All the required elements in the HACCP plan are present and addressed adequately; and
e. The overall program satisfactorily maintains food safety.

SEC. 20. Requirement for GMP compliance certification. — Any fish processing plant may be issued GMP compliance certification which meets the following requirements:

a. Pre-requisite programs are properly implemented to address the scope and objectives of food safety;
b. Documented GMP procedures are up to date and properly implemented to meet the objectives set in the document;
c. Personnel responsible in the implementation of the program are fully aware of their duties and functioning in the monitoring of the hygience and process control of the plant; and
d. The GMP program is effectively monitored, controlled and recorded.

SEC. 21. Application for certification. — A certification may be issued after an application therefor has been filed and the application fee of one hundred (P 100.00) pesos has been paid, and such other charges for administrative and technical services rendered. A separate charge for the microbiological examination and other laboratory tests conducted may be imposed when such examination are deemed necessary.

SEC. 22. Certification for exported fish products. — Exported fish and fishery/aquatic products shall be certified on the basis of compliance to specific national and international regulations and after having met the following requirements:

a. The product has been processed in the fish processing plant that has been GMP and HACCP certified;
b. The export product complies with the food safety requirement of the importing countries on the basis of laboratory analysis and the specified criteria.

SEC. 23. Repeal. — All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 24. Effectivity. — This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register

ISSUED this 17th day of May, 2001 at Quezon City, Metropolitan Manila, Philippines.

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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)
ORDER NO. 213 :
Series of 2001 .)

SUBJECT: **Establishment and maintenance of BFAR's quality control laboratories and collection of fees and charges for examination services.**

Pursuant to Section 67 of R.A. No. 8550, this guideline on the establishment and maintenance of fish quality control laboratories of the BFAR and collection of fees and charges for examination services is hereby promulgated for guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Definition. — The terms as used in this order shall be construed as follows:

a. *Calibration.* — A technical operation to ensure the accuracy or reliability of the equipment.
b. *FQCL.* — means Fish Quality Control Laboratory
c. *Laboratory.* — A facility for testing, examining and determining the characteristics of quality and safety, or the conduct of diagnostic activities.
d. *Quality Control (QC).* — The operational technique and activities used to fulfill requirements for quality and safety of the fish in conformance with the prescribed standards and specifications.
e. *Reagents.* — Substances used for testing that takes part in one or more reaction of chemical and biological processes.
f. *Standard operating procedure (SOP)* — is the prescribed procedure employed conforming with the requirements of good laboratory practices.

SEC. 2. Laboratory design considerations. —

a. Adequate space shall be provided for the fish laboratory with facility depending upon the number and types of employees, amount of work space including desks and recording space.
b. To be availed of is the services of a competent architect experienced in laboratory design.
c. The choice of the laboratory site shall be in compliance with the building code.
d. The arrangement of the laboratory equipment shall include electric power and mechanical services, airconditioning and humidity requirements.
e. Chemical fume hood/safety cabinets as well as efficient placement of air-supply and exhaust ducts at the roof shall be installed.
f. Storage facilities for chemicals, glasswares, laboratory supplies, gas cylinders, flammable solvents and hazardous wastes shall be kept apart in secured storage areas.
g. Mechanical, electrical system, water system shall be installed with specifications, voltage capacity and location of outlets and sources.
h. Heating, cooking ventilation and illumination shall be installed in various areas in the laboratory as well as in the office areas. The need for windows and daylight shall also be considered.
i. Work rooms shall be housed in a permanent building constructed of strong material, preferably concrete.

SEC. 3. Laboratory Safety. — The laboratory shall be so designed as to meet the safety code and standards, with special attention to fire and explosion hazards, including the following features:

a. Early fire detection and alarm systems, and automatic-fire extinguishing system for storage rooms, solvent rooms and interior of fume hoods;
b. Hood exhaust blowers of spark-proof construction and explosion-proof motors if mounted on the air stream;
c. Fire emergency circuits that can shut down building installation and hood blowers;
d. Fire safety doors in suitable locations and two exits for each laboratory;
e. All emergency exits with luminescent exit sign and exit doors opening outward and equipped with push bars;
f. Emergency lighting throughout the laboratory areas that goes on in case of power failure;
g. Explosion-proof electrical outlets where combustible solvents are kept and,
h. Emergency/shower facilities for laboratory personnel in case of chemical spillage; e.g. concentrated acids.

SEC. 4. Technical personnel — The operation of the fish quality control laboratory shall be under the control and supervision of a licensed analyst with a qualified degree level in chemistry or equivalent professional qualification and at least five (5) years experience in laboratory analysis and management. The technical laboratory staff shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in laboratory analysis and/or extensive relevant training for their assigned functions. The other laboratory staff with no relevant qualifications shall undergo adequate level of training in the laboratory activities and undertake analysis under the supervision of a licensed professional.

SEC. 5. Laboratory procedures and operating practices. — The laboratory shall have standard operatiing procedures in writing and provisions on good laboratory practices which shall include, but not limited, to the following:

a. *Reagents.* — All reagents for use in the analysis of samples shall be of appropriate grade as stated in the procedure. The same shall be properly labelled to indicate its identity, concentration, storage requirements or any special precaution or hazards, and date of preparation and expiry.
b. *Testing and analysis.* — All analysis test or experiment shall be conducted in accordance with recommended analytical method for fish and fishery products. Parameters and analytical method are given in Annex A.
c. *Equipment and instruments.* — Equipment used in the generation, measurement or assessment of data shall be of appropriate design and suited to its purposes. Appropriate instructions for use of equipment/instrument shall be made available and preventive maintenance shall always be observed to prevent failure or malfunction thereof. All equipment and instruments including the consumables shall conform with the requirements of BFAR's recommended analytical method.
d. *Equipment/instrument calibration.* — The laboratory shall adopt a system for calibration and maintenance of its facilities to ensure its measurement reliability. Newly acquired equipment and instruments shall be checked before use to ensure its conformity with its specified design, performance and dimension requirement. Instruments such as chromatographs and spectrometers shall be calibrated using reference material or chemical of known and adequate purity as part of normal operation.
e. *Laboratory waste management.* — The laboratory shall have adequate provisions for collection, storage, treatment and disposal of the domestic and laboratory wastes. It shall formulate and adopt proper management practices for expired chemicals, toxic chemicals and laboratory wastes. Disposal of effluents such as contaminated water, chemicals and test animals shall conform with the national environmental or health and sanitary, safety regulations.

SEC. 6. Functions of laboratory. —

a. Undertake and provide advisory services on chemical, microbiological and sensory evaluations of fish and fishery products for quality evaluation.
b. Undertake special chemical and microbiological investigation on fishery products suspected to be toxic, contaminated and decomposed or unfit for human consumption.
c. Examine all fish and fishery products for export or import which may be source of fish pests or diseases to ensure quality of product and meet international standards.
d. Update the fishery industries on quality of fish and fishery products through regular dissemination and technical assistance.

SEC. 7. Supervision and control — The FQCLs in the regions shall be under the administrative supervision of the BFAR Regional Office, but under the technical supervision of the BFAR Central Office.

SEC. 8. Laboratory fees — Laboratory services and fees rendered by the FQCL shall be collected in accordance with the following schedule:

A Physico-chemical analysis:	Fee
1. Ash	P200.00
2. Moisture	85.00
3. Protein	100.00
4. Crude fat	200.00
5. Salt	160.00
6. Boric Acid	70.00
7. Histamine	450.00
8. Formalin	250.00
9. Trimethylamine-Nitrogen	120.00
10. Total Volatile Base-Nitrogen	120.00
11. Free Fatty Acid	270.00
12. Thiobarbituric Acid	100.00
13. Heavy Metals: (Copper, Cadmium, Lead, Arsenic and Mercury)	1,200.00/element
14. Cyanide	250.00
15. Peroxide Value	200.00
16. Water Activity	75.00
17 pH	50.00
B. Microbial & toxicological Examination:	
1. Standard Plate Count/ Aerobic Plate Count/ Total Viable Count	200.00
2. Yeasts/Mold Count	250.00
3. Coliform Count	250.00
4. Faecal Coliform	250.00
5. Staphylococcus aureaus	300.00
6. Salmonella	400.00
7. Shigella	400.00
8. E. coli	350.00
9. Anaerobic Bacteria	400.00
10. Water Analysis	350.00
- Alkalinity	50.00
C. Physical/sensory examination for fresh/frozen, processed and canned fish & fishery products	
a.) External & internal can examination	100.00
b.) Sensory evaluation for canned, fresh, frozen, & processed fish products	100.00
D. Seaweeds physico-chemical analysis:	
1.) *Physical analysis:* (gel strength, gelling point melting point & viscosity)	300.00
2.) *Chemical analysis:*	
Sulphate	250.00
Acid Insoluble Ash	200.00
E. Product quality certificate	
Health Certificate	50.00

SEC. 9. Issuance of laboratory analysis — The authorized head of the laboratory shall issue the laboratory results in accordance with established international standards and requirements.

SEC. 10. Repeal — FAO No. 187 and other administrative orders and parts thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed amended.

SEC.11. Effectivity. — This order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and fifteen (15) days after its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register.

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Annex A

PARAMETERS	METHODS
Chemical	
Ash	Gravimetric
Moisture	Oven-drying
Crude Protein	Kjeldhal
Crude Fat	Soxhlet
Salt (NaCl)	Volhard
Boric Acid	Colorimetric (AOAC, 1975)
Histamine	Kawabata & AOAC
Trimethylamine Total Volatile Base-Nitrogen	Conway Microdiffusion Technique
Formalin	Chromotropic Acid Test
Thiobarbituric Acid	TBA Test Spectrophotometric
Total Mercury	Hydride Vapor Generator (AAS)
Cyanide	Ion Selective Electrode (ISE)
Peroxide value	Titrimetric (AOAC, 1975)
Water Activity	Luft value
Copper	Wet Digestion (AAS)
Lead	Dry Digestion - dry ashing (AAS)
Cadmium	Wet Digestion (AAS)
Microbial	**Adopt ICMSF & APHA**
Standard Plate Count	For microbiological
Yeast/Molds	Examination of fish
Coliforms	and fishery products
Water Analysis: Presumptive Confirmatory	
Staphylococcus	
Salmonella	
Anaerobic Bacteria	

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Widow of the late **Dr. Casimiro A. Garcia**
Most Outstanding Mother of Laguna 1983
Most Outstanding Mother of the Philippines 1984

Who passed on to eternal life
on Friday, April 20, 2001 at 88 years old.

Her Loved Ones

Drs. Francisco & Yolanda G. Peralta
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  Michelle
Ms. Vivian C. Garcia (†)
And Great Grandchildren

Request the pious readers to pray for her and to express their deepest gratitude to all who, having known and loved her in life, were one with them in their time of loss.

"Whoever believes in Him shall perish but have everlasting life"
John 3:10

P/Maj. Gen. HERMILO NORIEGA AHORRO (Ret.)

Peacefully joined his loved one **CONCHITA** (†) at the age of 74.

He is survived by his family **BABY & LINGGOY ALCUAZ, BOY & ROCHELLE, CHARITO & GRAHAM SUTTON, JOJO & GING-GING, CECILE & BENEDICT ZAGALA, CHONA, CONNIE & JING DE GUZMAN, JEANNIE & JEFF MENDOZA, JINGLE & LISSA**, all his grandchildren and **FLOR & JP**.

We request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Christ The King Church in Greenmeadows Subdivision, Quezon City.

Interment to be announced later.

Consolacion (Connie) B. Victoria

*Has joined her loving husband "**DANNY**" and peacefully rests in the infinite warmth and embrace of our Lord on May 26, 2001 at the age of 68.*

Her loving children **JAYSON & MICHELLE, HERMEEH & BONG FLORENDO**; sister **AIDA LANDICHO**; brother **BOY BALAGTAS**; grandchildren **COLLEEN, JILLIAN, KHAELA & KELSEY**, relatives and friends request for prayers for her eternal peace and happiness.

Her remains lie in state at the Our Lady of Consolation Church, Tierra Pura Subdivision, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, May 30, 2001 after the 7:00 a.m. Mass at the Church. Cremation will follow at La Funeraria Paz Crematorium.

Eternal life will swallow up that which can die. God made us for this very reason and He has given us the Spirit as a guarantee that we will live again.
2 Cor. 5:4-5

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matt 11:28

CECILE SANTOS GIRMAN

Peacefully joined our Lord
on May 25, 2001 at the age of 49.

Her loving husband **MICHAEL**; children **ALEX** and **RYAN**; father **GATAS** (†); mother **TESSIE**; brothers & sisters **TINA & GARY, RICKY & MARIPI, EDDIE BOY & CHINI, DITAS, JOJI & JEG, MANOLET & MICHELE**; nieces & nephews, relatives and dear friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Barrett Funeral Homes, Tenafly, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Interment will be on Tuesday, May 29, 2001 in New Jersey, U.S.A.

We, the family of the late

TEH SIU YONG LIMPE

who joined her Creator on May 6, 2001
at the age of 95

sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and condoled with us in our moment of grief.

And think of her as living in the hearts of those
she touched... for nothing loved is ever lost –
And she was loved so much.

-E. Brenneman-

On his first death anniversary
kindly remember in your prayers

PABLO "ITO" A. ATIENZA

Born in Lemery, Batangas on January 25, 1924,
and died in Quezon City on May 27, 2000.
God bless you for your kindness.
Mass will be offered at the following churches:

Sta. Rosa de Lima Parish Church, *Pasig City*	7:30 PM
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, *Sun Valley*	9:30 AM
Most Holy Rosary Parish, *Sun Valley*	5:30 PM
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, *Quezon City*	6:30 AM
Mount Saint John Marianist Church, *Dayton, Ohio*	6:00 AM
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, *Proj. 4, Q.C.*	6:00 AM
Don Bosco Parish, *Makati City*	6:00 AM

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and **children**, his **sisters & brothers, grandchildren, in-laws, relatives** and **friends** with grief
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ATTY. ÁNGEL TOBIAS DAZO

On May 25, 2001 at 2:00 a.m.
at the age of 84.

His body lies at their residence at 132 Little Grace Park, Meycauayan, Bulacan.

Interment will be on May 30, 2001, 9:00 a.m. at Calbaryo Cemetery, Meycauayan, Bulacan.

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Notice is hereby given that a CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST Philippine National Bank (PNB) president FELICIANO MIRANDA JR., Vice-President FRANCISCO JAVIER and Ermita branch manager Mrs. ELYNOR IMPERIO has been filed under I.S. No. 01E-19718 and I.S. No. 001-45188, respectively for ESTAFA, SWINDLING AND OTHER DECEITS, as well as an ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT against PNB with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

These cases arose from their violation of PD No. 116, Central Bank Circular No. 905 as well as precedent setting case decided by the SUPREME COURT under GR NO. 107569, promulgated on November 8, 1994 in a case (PNB vs. CA 238 SCRA 20).

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NOTICE OF RE-BIDDING

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(Sgd.) **MARIA CRISTINA LAPUS**
Acting Chairman, DTI-MA-CPC

(PDI - May 27, 2001)

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INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID

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3. 2001 Business License/Permit
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(Sgd.) **ALFONSO G. ABAD**
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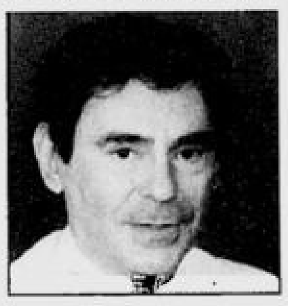

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We, her children, **Fe, Wenceslao, Josefina, Rafael** (†), **Zenaida, Sr. Antonia** (Medical Mission Sister) and **Cesar** thank the Lord for the gift of **Mama** to us. Together with the rest of the family - **Emilio Rebueno** (†), **Milagros Flores, Betty Ong, Jose Gregorio, Marilou Se,** grandchildren and great-grandchildren, we request our relatives and friends to remember Mama, in their prayers.

Interment will be on Tuesday, May 29, 2001 after the 2 PM Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Church in Oas, Albay.

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We, the family of the late

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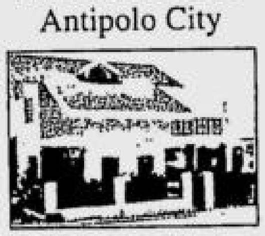

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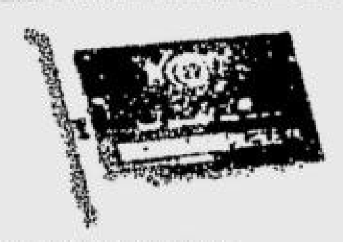

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Department of Agrarian Reform will undertake a pre-qualification of prospective bidders for the following services:

1. **Janitorial Manpower and other maintenance services**
2. **Security manpower services**

Pre-qualification forms and instruction are available at the PBAC Secretariat, General Services Division, Ground Floor, DAR Main Building, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Pre Bidding conference will be held at the HRD Training Center, DAR Compound, on June 1, 2001, at exactly 1:00 p.m. Pre-qualification forms and documents should be submitted to the PBAC Secretariat not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2001.

Only pre-qualified bidders will be allowed to bid and be issued bid documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00).

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(Sgd.) JOSE MARIE B. PONCE
Chairman
DAR-PBAC for Janitorial & Security Services

(PDI - May 26 27 & 28 2001)

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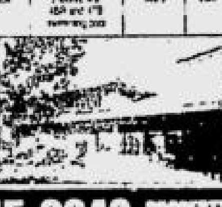
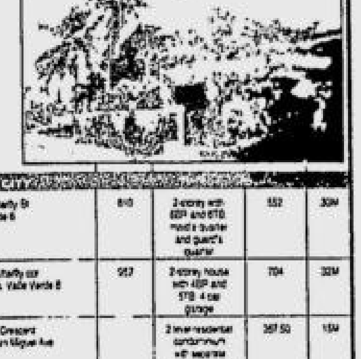
MARIKINA				
No. 47 Chico St Constantino Subd Marikina	428	single detached house with 4BR and 2TB	233.25	1.8M
No. 20 Sampaloc St Constantino Subd Marikina	293	single detached with 1BR and 1TB plus warehouse	236	1M
No. 28 Kankanan St. [illegible]	177	single detached house with 3BR and 2TB	133	2.3M
Interior Rd. Brgy. Malayan [illegible]	1000	warehouse building	218	1.7M
Lot 1 Blk. 5 Rubi St cor Diamond St Consuelo [illegible] Marikina	232	single detached house with 4BR and 2TB	193	1.8M
Lot 11 Blk. 43 David St [illegible] Complex [illegible]	140	unfinished 2-storey with 3BR and 2TB	127	1M
Lot 25 Blk. 15 Bush St McArthur Village [illegible] Marikina	126	bungalow with 2BR and 2TB	107	850T
CALOOCAN CITY				
No. 34 Magsaysay St Del Rey Subd Bassa	374	2 storey single detached with 5BR and 4TB	414	5.5M
Blk. 6 Lot 7 St. John St. Villa Maria Subd Deparo	285	Bungalow with 3BR and 1TB	180	1.1M
No. 219 Evergreen Ave Evergreen Executive Village Bo. Bagumbong	150	single-detached with 2BR and 2TB	99	1M
Blk. 28 Lot 45 Phoenix St. Pamera Homes Bo. Bagumbong	135	single-detached with 3BR and 1TB	52.5	800T
No. 71 3rd St Bo. Calaanan	323	2-storey residential office building with mezzanine (plus warehouse)	250	7M
Lot 20 Blk. 3 [illegible] St Sto. Tomas Village IV Deparo	240	2-storey house with 3BR and 3TB plus servant's quarter	257	2.9M
Lot 21 Blk. 17 Goldenshower St., BF Homes	240	single-detached with 3BR and 2TB	224	1.4M
Lot 16 and 17 Sta. Maria St [illegible] Subd	500	2 storey with 5BR and 4TB plus servant's quarter	620	6M
IMUS, CAVITE				
Langka St corner Ave. San Gabriel	145	single detached with 1TB	[illegible]	[illegible]
LAS PIÑAS CITY				
14-E Angela Townhomes North [illegible] St Angela Village		townhouse with 3BR and 2TB	110	1.4M
Blk. 62 Lot 22 [illegible] St La Segovia BF Resort		townhouse with 3BR and 2TB	110	2.1M
No. 11 Manganese Road, Pilar Village	240	house and lot		1.811M
31 [illegible] Ave cor Buencamino St [illegible] Village Bo. Almanza	318	2-storey house		3.2M
MAKATI CITY				
Unit 735 South Star Plaza [illegible] South Super Highway		unit with 2BR and 2TB	[illegible]	1.67M
[illegible]				
No. 1995 Kasama St Sampaloc	240	4-storey residential building and 2 storey house	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]				
No. 11 E. Santos St Unit D Concepcion Townhomes [illegible]		townhouse with 3BR	92.5	[illegible]
MUNTINLUPA CITY				
No. 128 [illegible] St Ayala Alabang Village	864	2 storey with 4BR and 4TB swimming pool	548.5	[illegible]



Address	Lot Area	Improvements	Flr. Area	Price
MUNTINLUPA CITY				
Blk. 28 Lot 1 Hyacinth St. South Greenheights Subd	432	bungalow with 4BR and 1TB	215.58	1.7M
PARAÑAQUE CITY				
No. 1103 J. Young St Moonwalk Subd	365	2-units of 2-storey house (one with 6BR/ 4TB and the other with 4BR/1TB)	248 and 96	3.1M
Blk. 9 Lot 2 Palace Ave cor Stuttgart St. BF Homes	294	single detached house with 3BR and 2TB	230	3.4M
#1103 J. Young St. Moonwalk I	365	2-units of 2-storey house (one with 6BR/4TB and the other with 4BR and 1TB)	248 and 96	3.1M



Address	Lot Area	Improvements	Flr. Area	Price
PASIG CITY				
No. 8 Butterfly St Valle Verde 6	810	2-storey with 6BR and 6TB maid's quarter and guard's quarter	552	30M
No. 82 Butterfly cor Firefly Sts. Valle Verde 6	957	2-storey house with 4BR and 5TB 4 car garage	704	32M
Unit 25-T Crescent Condo San Miguel Ave		2 level residential condominium with separate servant's quarter	387.50	15M
QUEZON CITY				
No. 4 Gen. Tinio St La Loma	120	3-door apartment type building	238	3M
Blk. 1 Lot 23 [illegible] St San Bernardo Village [illegible]	156	2-storey with 6BR and 3TB	155	1.8M
No. 10 Don Ramon St [illegible] Village	923	residential house	387	14M
No. 3 [illegible] St Project 4	304	2-storey residential building with 6BR and 6TB	295	5M
Unit K, Fairview Mansions, [illegible] St. Fairview	[illegible]	townhouse with 3BR and 2TB	111	1.6M
Lot 8 Blk. 3 [illegible] St Fairmont Subd North Fairview	300	unfinished 2-storey house with 7BR and 6TB	438	3.3M
Unit 1103 Prince Gregory Condominium 12th Ave. Cubao		condo unit with 1BR and 1TB	47	1.4M
Unit 10 Capitol Golf Hills Townhomes		4-storey townhouse with 4BR and 4TB	230.81	6.5M
Unit 8, Vermont Square Townhomes, Sunrise Drive [illegible]		townhouse with 4BR and 3TB	174.2	3.2M
No. 136 K. Luna St Project 4	258	2 residential buildings with 4BR and 2TB	485	4M
[illegible]				
Unit 803 and 804 [illegible] Pasadena Condo Pasadena Drive		2 condo units	144.50 and 177.72	[illegible]
No. [illegible] Don Benito St [illegible] Homes Unit 5, 6, 7 & [illegible]	Ranging from 34.8 [illegible]	3-storey townhomes with 2BR and 3TB [illegible]	Ranging from 106.32 to 175.58	Ranging from 3M to 6.7M
TAYTAY, RIZAL				
Blk. 3 Lot 7 Opal St [illegible] Subd [illegible]	209	split type house with 4BR and 4TB basement	[illegible]	1.15M
[illegible]				
No. 12 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	130	[illegible]

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID REAL STATE DEVELOPERS

The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) invites real estate developers and capable land investors to submit pre-qualification applications to participate in proposing projects for development of several properties being offered under its *Pro-active Land Marketing Program.*

The properties that will be offered to the qualified developers are:

Property	Identification	Project Site	Area (m^2)
A.	Waterfront Mixed Use	Parcel 29, Central Business District (CBD) Bounded by Manila Avenue, Dewey Avenue and Waterfront Road	11,270
B.	Mini Business Park	Parcels, 66, 67, 70, 44-1, 44-2, CBD Bounded by Canal Road, Olongapo Canal, and Manila Avenue	44,000
C.	Dewey Avenue Offices	Parcels 55, CBD bounded by Dewey Avenue, Espiritu St., Rd. G and Fifth St.	8,570
D.	Convention Center	Intersection of Rizal Ave. and Tipo Expressway	80,000
E.	Business Hotel	Adjacent to Tipo Expressway and within the vicinity of the Gateway Convention Center	25,000

Pre-qualification Application and information packets for each property shall be available for issuance starting **May 28, 2001** at the Planning & Development Office, Rm. 108, Bldg. 229, Waterfront Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, tel nos. (047) 252-4097/4078 upon payment of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) which is non-refundable. Last day of submission of duly accomplished Pre-qualification Application and other supporting documents is on **June 22, 2001, not later than 5:00 P.M.**

Time and date of submission and opening of bids, Pre-bid conference shall be confirmed in the Notice of Pre-qualification. An Information Briefing and site inspection for the properties will be held on the 1st and 15th of June, 2001. Visit www.tsgsubic.com/real estate.html for more information.

SBMA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect therein and to accept real estate developers whose proposal is the most advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) ATTY. CHITO M. CRUZ
Chairman, PBAC

(PDI--May 27, June 3 & 10, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo
Quezon City

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Office of the Secretary of National Defense (OSND) invites interested parties to pre-qualify and to bid for the operation of the DND canteen,

Bidders are requested to submit the following documents/requirements for pre-qualification on or before 4 June 2001 at 10:00 AM at the Procurement Branch, Office of the Administrative Services, DND, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, telephone number 911-8118.

1. SEC/DTI Registration
2. Articles of Incorporation/Partnership
3. Latest Business/License Permit (2000)
4. Audited Financial Statements (attach ITR) for the last two years
5. VAT Registration Certificate
6. List of canteens operated by the bidder during the last 2 years

Inquiries for the details and particulars on Instructions to Bidders, bid documents, and other details shall also be provided during office hours at the Office of Administrative Services, OSND. A pre-bid conference shall be held on 4 June 2001 at 2:00 PM, DND Social Hall, 3rd Floor, DND Building, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Deadline for submission of bid proposals and opening of bids will be on 13 June 2001, at 10:00 AM at the same venue.

The OSND reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any formality and award the contract to the bidder whose proposal is the most advantageous to the government as evaluated by the OSND, Bids and Awards Committee (OSND BAC).

Atty. RICARDO D. BLANCAFLOR
Assistant Secretary
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – May 27 & 29, 2001)

Have ₱35,000? You can go into T-shirt making

T-SHIRT making is a good business venture for housewives who want to combine a career and family life. JOHNNY VILLENA

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

How To

T-SHIRTS can be considered a great leveler. Everybody wears them—young and old, rich and poor, male or female, adults and children. The broad range of potential customers encourages many entrepreneurs to try their hand in manufacturing T-shirts within the comfort of their own homes.

Dina Abao, a resource speaker for T-shirt making at the NegoSkwela Livelihood and Resource Center, tells the INQUIRER that those interested in putting up a T-shirt business can start with a capital of only about P35,000.

This will go to the purchase of a reconditioned edging machine, rent of a piping machine and the initial set of cotton cloth to make the T-shirts.

Abao stresses that the entrepreneur should be adept at high speed sewing and pattern making before they can put up a T-shirt manufacturing business.

"Those who are just starting out can buy the reconditioned high speed sewing machines first to try out the business before they invest in the brand new machines that cost at least P200,000 each," Abao says.

There are three basic styles used in T-shirt making—round neck shirts, collared shirts with pocket and raglan shirts or shirts with cut off sleeves.

Sizes come in small, medium, large and extra large but the patterns vary depending on the latest in fashion. There are baby tees for example that are very popular with teenagers and even career women these days.

Abao says all the accessories needed for making T-shirts such as the cotton cloth, buttons and thread are readily available at Divisoria. The cloth, she says, can be pure cotton or 80 percent polyester. These are also available either by the kilo or bale for wholesalers.

"This is a very good business to consider because there is a big market out there and it is not difficult to learn. It does not use too much electricity and you can do it at home and start with maybe one or two sewers," Abao explains.

Abao says labor is the single biggest cost in manufacturing T-shirts. She says the going rate is about P5 a shirt.

It costs between P48 and P55 to

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In compliance with the 19 March 2001 directive of the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), the implementation of the 8-digit phone numbers by all telecom companies in the Greater Metro Manila area has been postponed from June 2, 2001 to March 2, 2002.

Watch out for further developments in the coming months.

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Family-run firm adorns US homes

By Joel V. Nigos

THE RAW materials are mostly indigenous—dried ferns, seeds, roots and wood shavings—plus a little of glitter and paint. Combine these with craftsmanship, novel designs and bright colors, Geuel Handicrafts comes up with decorative accessories that can compete with the best in the world.

Geuel Handicrafts, a longtime player in the local market and major exporter of home accessories, has been in the business since 1993. The family-run company produces an extensive array of ornaments—artificial flowers, topiaries, bouquets, wreaths, swags, garlands, flower arrangements—in all shades and hues.

"We started as a sub-contractor of major exporters in 1993," says Jun Bernardo, the man primarily involved in factory operations.

Jun says that he and his wife Malou took in his parents, Salvador and Tina, to be part of the company and his sister Gigi. They pooled P1 million as their initial capital.

"The company is entirely a family business," Jun says, adding that each member of the family has a vital part in the company's operations. His father, who is also managing his construction business, is in charge with overall management. His mother takes care of the financing, his sister with marketing and his wife with design.

Two years after they started, Geuel participated in trade fairs such as the Manila FAME Trade Week organized regularly by the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (Citem). This opened them to foreign buyers.

Foreign buyers were impressed and bulk orders started coming in. They had to put up another P1 million to finance their expansion and meet additional demand.

By 1997, Geuel Handicrafts expanded its markets to include the European market, Canada and Asia, including the Middle East.

"We penetrated the US market only last year. Now we are also exporting to the other Asian countries such as Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and to our neighbors here in Southeast Asia," Jun says.

The company also has markets in Brazil and Argentina in Latin America. Its US market now accounts for 40 percent of all its exports, the European market the other 40 percent with the balance shared by Asia and the rest of its market in the world.

Geuel's total exports bring in $300,000 to $400,000 annually. It produces between 20,000 and 30,000 pieces per month.

The company also plans to participate in future trade shows in the United States and Europe to introduce more of its products abroad. Having its own website is also part of the plan to allow them to communicate faster with clients abroad.

"We do not look at local exporters as our competitors. Rather, it's China and India as these offer the foreign buyers the same products, with more or less the same quality, at a much lower cost," Jun adds.

"Our products have to be at par with what the rest of the world is producing," he stresses.

Jun says Geuel may not be able to offer their products at a lower cost but they try to compete by providing quality service and products to the discriminating clientele.

"We focus on quality, and we really provide our clients with all the assistance they need because we believe that this is the only way we can compete and maintain our current list of clientele and maybe attract future clients," says Jun.

"For us, customer service and after-sales service are very important," he adds.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

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Education Secretary Raul Roco stands and delivers

PLAYTIME

By the staff

IN HIS signature shirt—the floral variety that softens the lawyerly edges—Education Secretary Raul Roco starts our Playtime by asking, "Have you ever heard of a dog that sings?"

We think it is a trick question, like the ones that abounded during the recent impeachment trial from which he emerged a hero. But it really is about his seven-month-old Labrador named Itim. The pup would howl whenever Roco played the piano and it wasn't just out of disgust at his take on the "Chopstix" because Itim would bay whenever the piano was played.

In addition to singing dogs, Roco is entertained by singing birds in his La Vista backyard. "At 4 a.m. they start singing," he muses with a smile. On a recent Sunday, he went to unwind by a 30-meter wide river called Daraitan in Sampaloc in Tanay, Rizal. "*Ang ganda-ganda, ang linis-linis,*" he gushes.

Such are the simple joys of Secretary Roco, a man whose achievements are anything but simple, beginning with finishing high school at age 14 and earning his law degree with the Abbot's Award for Overall Excellence at San Beda College, to taking up the cudgel for women, overseas workers and other disenfranchised strangers during his three terms in the Senate.

If there's anyone qualified to be DECS secretary, it is Roco. As senator, he funded teachers' cooperatives, pioneered the computerization program for schools and established scholarships for poor students who wanted to be teachers. He also abolished the National College Entrance Exams to give all high school graduates a fair shake at going to college.

The post of justice secretary would have brought out the gladiator in him, he says, which was the last thing the battle-weary senator wanted after the impeachment hearings and Edsa 2. So he accepted the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) appointment.

But is he really through being a gladiator? Read on and find out how Raul Roco stands and delivers.

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Are you more relaxed now that you've assumed the DECS post, or is it a more taxing job?

(Laughs) The difference between the executive and the legislative position is, in the legislative, first, you have the freedom to comment. We never allow ignorance to interfere with our opinions, *di ba?* (Laughs) Because as lawmaker, you're one of a group, so my opinions are mine alone and they do not bind anybody in particular. So that's the lawmaker. Anybody who calls me, I'll give him an opinion. On my first week in DECS, I announced that we must cut loans. Because I'm the head of a department, [what I say] is taken as gospel truth *pala* by the groups. So some people were already folding up the [illegible] [illegible] more careful now. I know that if I say something, somebody is liable to mistake it as policy and implement it because they are trying to be on my good side. It's very different, so now I'm more careful about my pronouncements.

Do you have a meeting of the minds with the President regarding policies?

Actually, the President does not micro-manage, and she says that. She's very focused. She's good at planning because she's prompt and then she gives you a lot of leeway. She's disciplined. Certainly, she's a thousand times more disciplined than her predecessor. (Laughter) No question about it.

Are we ready for the school opening?

Of course. I mean, as ready as we can get. When school opens, we shall have 6 million out

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Education Secretary Raul Roco stands and delivers

(From page C1)

of the 8 million books available already, delivered in the schools. But that's very short, we need 150 million books, I think.

So four kids to a book *pa rin*? Wasn't that the ratio before?

The present books that we will distribute, I had nothing to do with them. The more important thing is the content, but we had nothing to do with either the acqisition or purchase of the content.. I mean, I get to distribute because I control the books. The significant thing is this: Before, it cost P70-P80 per textbook. We bidded it out a month-and-a-half ago, it is now down to P25-36 per unit.

Wow! That's really low.

Or it was really high... But then I don't have Laarni asking me to do this or that... (Laughter)

> They were being deducted P200 at the beginning of the school year for X-ray. Teachers are the most X-rayed people in this country. (Laughter) *Sabi ko*, you'll all die of overexposure to X-rays, you'll develop cancer. I abolished that

How many shifts now in public schools?

Depende, sa Quezon City, there are three shifts.

Seventy in a classroom?

Yeah, some, *'yung sa* Fairview. That's what I'm particularly paying attention to because *umaabot pa ng* 80, but anyway we will solve that. You may want to know about classroom shortages. We lack 36,000 this year. The budget will only give us 7,000.

Since '98 we have had P12 billion for classrooms funded by the World Bank, soft loan. We pay a commitment fee of something like P70 million just to have it available. Over six years, that's P2 billion per year, I think we were supposed to build 2,000 or 2,005 per year. Guess how many we built in 1998, first year. We were supposed to build like 2,000...

Under Erap?

Erap, second half *lang 'to.*

One thousand?

Lower...

500?

Lower...

Oh my God! 100?

Lower.

Fifty?

Lower...

Twenty?

Lower...

Ten?

Two! We built two in 1998. Those were the most expensive classrooms we ever built, P35 million each on commitment fee alone ha? I don't know why. Nobody was paying attention. P35 million, *dapat may diamante 'yon*. In 1999, we built 200, borrowed money, soft loan. We're paying P70 million for commitment fee per year and even our lender, even the World Bank, is complaining, "Jesus Christ! What's the matter with you guys? We have this amount of money but we cannot lend it somewhere else and you're not getting it..."

Where are those schools?

In one of the 22 poor provinces, the poorest provinces, so we negotiated with the World Bank, because *ayaw na eh, binabawi na lahat ng pera.* We were supposed to have built 400 in the year 2000 *pero naabutan ng maraming gulo* so I don't know. But that's supposed to be the record, from 2 to 200, great increase *ha?* But up to now nothing has been built. We will start July 1, but *ngayon nagmamadali*. July 1 we will call 1,000 principals. We will give [them] 90 days each. Whoever finishes within the period, I will give them two more classrooms. You build two in 90 days. I will give you two more classrooms. So if that is the turnaround, I'll build 2,000 by December. Then there is an incentive because if you turnaround I will give you two more, it's competitive. And I said anybody who tops I'll send to Hong Kong. (Laughter) The regional director of Cagayan de Oro said, "*Ako sa* Batanes *lang.*" If you win *kako*, Batanes *ka.* (Laughter)

Two? *Marami pang na*-build *ang* Coca-Cola *kaysa* DECS.

The little red schoolhouses? *Marami*. But we will catch up this year.

Wasn't the previous DECS secretary held accountable for building just two classrooms?

Nobody has filed a case of neglect. He's accountable, but the time pursuing him is really not worth the energy to me, not worth the energy and the passion and the aggravation. At least they did not steal it, the money is there.

Was it hard getting into DECS and implementing what you wanted to implement? Were they cooperative?

Most of them, 99 percent are cooperative. Teachers as a whole are disciplined people. In many ways they are lambs. They have the innocence of lambs. Nobody questions.

You would think that their union would watch out for them?

Of course, they have unions, but they're so... *alam mo naman*, they have programs, they sing, they dance... (Laughter) On my second day, I came in on Feb. 14, Feb. 15 there was a demonstration by a group of teachers. "What's the matter with you?" So they told me... "Okay, we will solve it, it's only my second day." That's when we announced the direct payroll because ... even you, guys, *pag na*-delay *ang sahod mo nang* two weeks, what will you do? If you have savings, you get from your savings, or you borrow, especially if you have children or if you are poor. So that was what was happening. The only way to do that was to get the money direct to them. So I called up all the banks, I told them, We will go check-less payroll, the banks will be responsible, we'll give the money direct to the banks, but you choose the bank. I will not choose because *baka sabihin nangungumisyon ako.* Then they had the problem, government bank *daw. Sabi ko*, government *kung nasa akin*, I am government. When I give the salary to you, private, you go wherever you want. I just came now from a dinner with the Land Bank people, they're implementing it this June. Camarines Sur and Quezon City are the first, they're implementing June to July. Just to show you *nakakaawa din talaga ang* teachers, they're so innocent. "By ATM *na lang.*" "*Ang haba-haba ng pila.*" *Bakit kako ang haba ng pila?* "*Eh iisa lang ang* ATM *doon sa* Land Bank *namin.*" They never heard of Megalink, Bancnet or whatever... So they are against ATM, so you have to explain to them. "You choose, you want ATM, you want savings, you want credit cards... but stop borrowing because I can't keep up with your borrowings. So long as you're distracted, you cannot teach correctly."

We've studied and I noticed we have teachers [whose] gross pay is P10,000, take home pay P2,019. Not even enough for your *gimik* on Friday, correct? Gross pay P14,000, take home pay P2,007...

Because the teachers are the most oppressed people in the Republic of the Philippines, we made sure we have extra income for them, that was the first of our priorities. You cannot teach if you are worried where to get your food, correct? So what did we do? There was a lobby to buy two warehouses full of textiles, they were dropping some name. Remember that every time we move, P3,000 is P1.5 billion so it can be tempting even at only 10 percent rebate. We gave out the P3,000 clothing allowance. The teachers were delirious because they were getting it in textile before now, with P3,000, they can buy the textile, they make *tahi* and they even have extra for shoes, so great difference.

We prepare in DECS 18,000 checks per day to distribute to the elementary teachers. *Ma*-delay *lang yung* computers, *may ma*-late *lang na* processor, it is delayed. So it creates pressure to borrow and therefore the teachers had to keep running just to stay in place. We had to break that cycle. The first thing we did was release their clothing allowance.

Everybody was having more than P1,000 withholding tax per month, but [teachers] were supposed to get three years' reimbursements and we were not getting it. *Di ba ang hirap?* So I told Bert Romulo in the cabinet, we will not collect withholding taxes for three months because *di ba may utang tayo sa kanila* [teachers]*?* Quits. Romulo said "*Hating-kapatid naman.*" *Hating- kapatid* because *malaki daw ang* deficit. So I was able to put P2,000 extra [into the teachers' pay] *na naman*, so that's P3,000 plus P2,000.

Then they are being deducted compulsory membership fees of all sorts. I abolished them. I said no deductions based on a membership. I don't care if you want to be a member of whatever association, you pay. I will not collect. Then they were being deducted P200 at the beginning of the schoolyear for X-ray. Teachers are the most X-rayed people in this country. (Laughter) *Sabi ko*, you'll all die of overexposure to X-rays, you'll develop cancer. I abolished that.

Why were there so many X-rays?

I did not even bother [to find out] ... But remember, we are covered by Philhealth and so X-rays should be paid for by Philhealth.

We are the biggest collector in the Republic of the Philippines—we collect for 187 lenders. The biggest collects from us P320 million a month, the second, P300 million, the third, P250 million, the fourth... Philamlife, which is No. 7 *lang*, I think is collecting P50 million from us. We are the biggest insurance agent in the country... so when you look at all these... the teachers are oppressed, *talagang di makagalaw.* So I abolished all the

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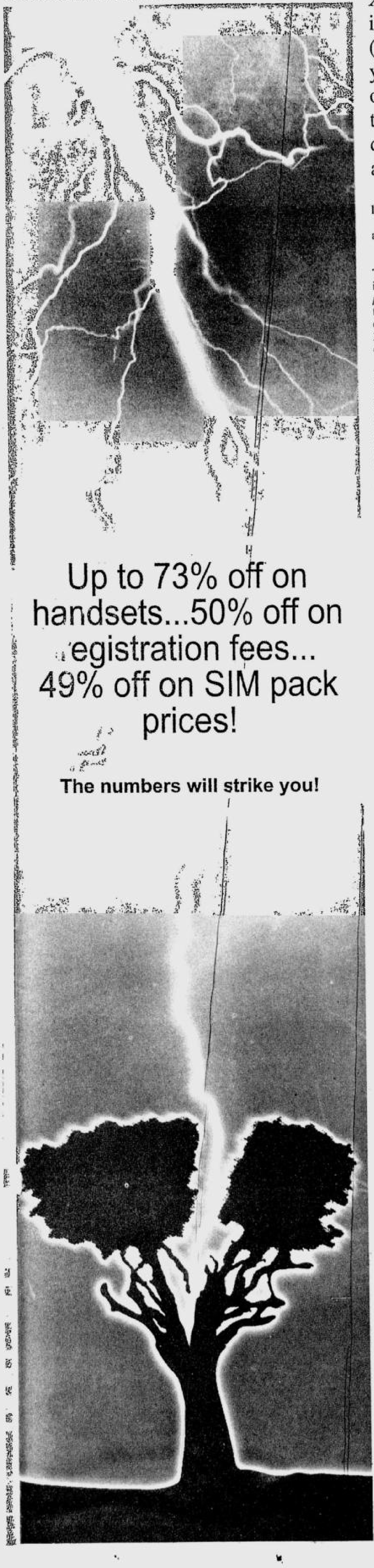
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deductions.

Then they've been asking me to be chair of Cancer Society, etc., every other society in town because traditionally *daw* the DECS Secretary is the chair of all these foundations. I refuse to make the DECS a market. Nobody will treat the department as a market. If anybody wants to collect money, they should give it to us, we are the ones in need. Why should we collect?

So that increased the take-home pay of the teachers, we are now close to the 50 percent net take home pay. That's the first three to four months. We have improved, I think. Now, we have also told them the President has promised a 5-percent increase by June. If we have 5-percent increase by June, then we have extra income again.

And then, lost books. We give out books to the public schools. When somebody loses a book, it is deducted against the teacher. I don't understand that, but we abolished that also. Up to 10 percent I will tolerate, unless *sinadya mo naman*. The textbooks, we will have 1:1 ratio by next year.

You're talking of books that are distributed to the students?

All textbooks in the public schools are given out for free.

And when a student loses a book, it's the teacher who pays?

Yes, it's deducted against the teacher's salary. I don't know the reason but they deduct it from the salary and nobody seems to complain. We have foreign-funded projects, and it's the World Bank on the textbooks. I said, "What is your breakage tolerance?" *Di ba*, what is the breakage tolerance for INQUIRER? Out of the 100,000 sheets that they print, how many are destroyed in the ordinary cause? 1 percent? Maybe less. *Sa* Coca-Cola Bottling, there is a 5 percent tolerance breakage, bottles, *eh*. So I told the World Bank, "How much is your tolerated breakage?" "10 percent." Okay, so I issued a memorandum, loss of 10 percent, no deduction. Beyond that, you explain.

I don't know how it happened that we have classrooms with mixed books, *parang* Math 1 by Cruz, half of them has Cruz, Math 1 by Reyes, half of them has Reyes. So when they read pages 1-10, it's different... (Laughter) So we decided all the classrooms will have the same books, you just desegregate, *di ba*? Section 1 Math 1 by Cruz, Section 2, Math 1 by Reyes... *walang halo*. That's what we are doing.

Will you streamline the curriculum?

Of course. By next school year, we shall have a more rational curriculum...

I sat down with all the public schools heads.. Why should I, as secretary of education, know curriculum better than you? The Holy Spirit did not come down [on me]. (Laughter) It was only President Macapagal-Arroyo who made me Secretary. (Laughter) So why should I know curriculum better than you? I think we teach 18 subjects. Why the hell do we compound the misery of these poor kids?

What subjects do you find ridiculous?

United Nations. Why should anybody learn about the United Nations?

And we have 50 celebrations, United Nations, antidrugs, all sorts of... So the teachers, on top of being very badly paid, have all sorts of nonteaching duties—civic parades, etc. I'm stopping it. I said we will bring it down to 10, you choose.

Kawawa, and then they don't complain. You walk in any municipality you'll recognize teachers, they dress differently—they have big bags, they have a way of combing their hair... (Laughter)

Anyway, 16 or 20 Mabalacat teachers all transferred from different private schools because the starting pay, theoretically, of a public school teacher is higher than private... I asked a teacher, "How much do you get paid?" "P115 per day of actual work, sir." Jesus Christ! She was so proud, cum laude, St. Paul Tacloban, P115 per day of actual work. I got her hired.

The Mabalacat people have been suffering, getting P1,800, P1,500, per month for over the past five

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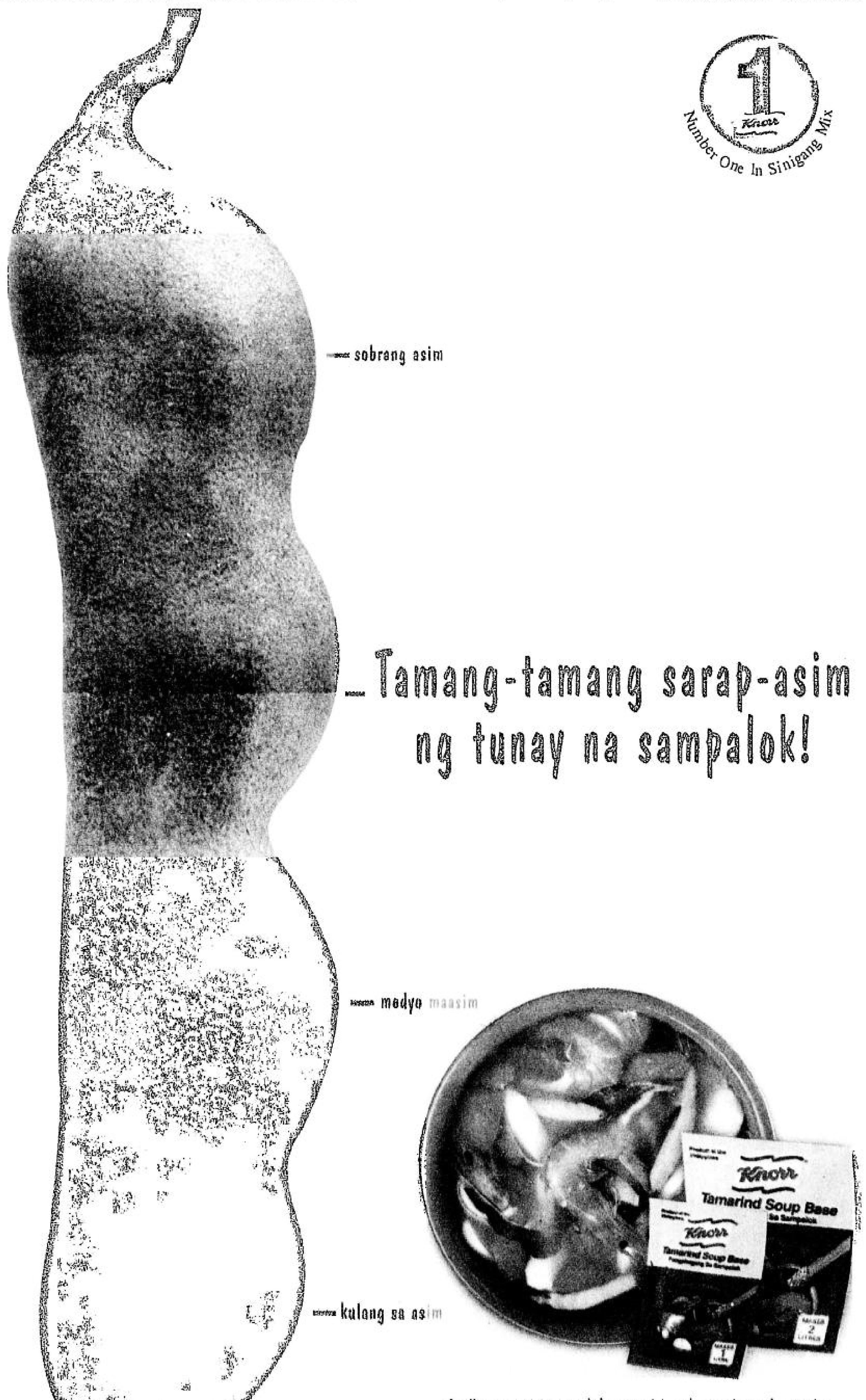

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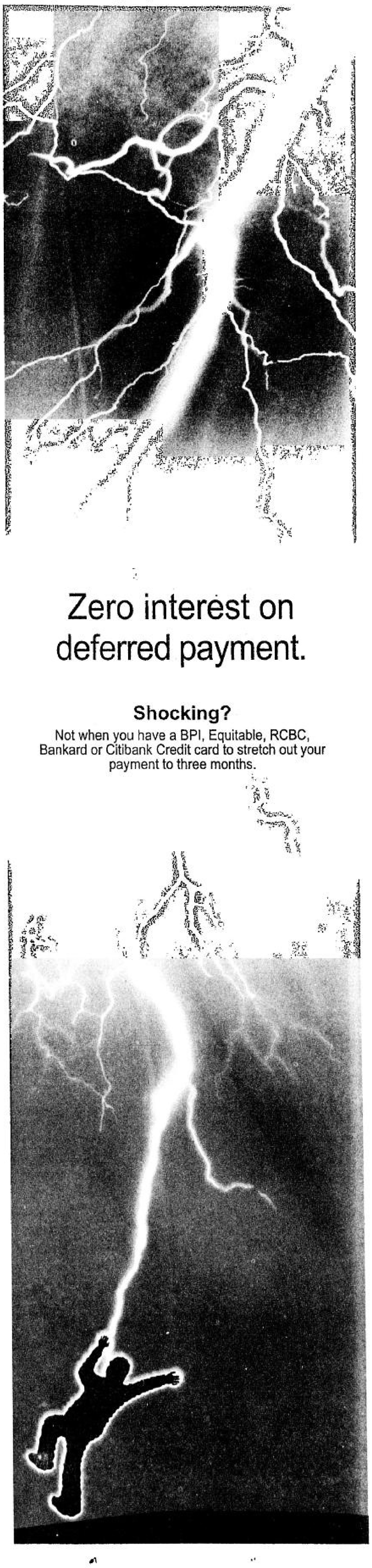

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Uy has a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology from University of San Francisco. She is a candidate for master's in education, majoring in early childhood education, at Assumption College. She has participated in seminars on teacher training, child development, learning disorders and skills evaluation.

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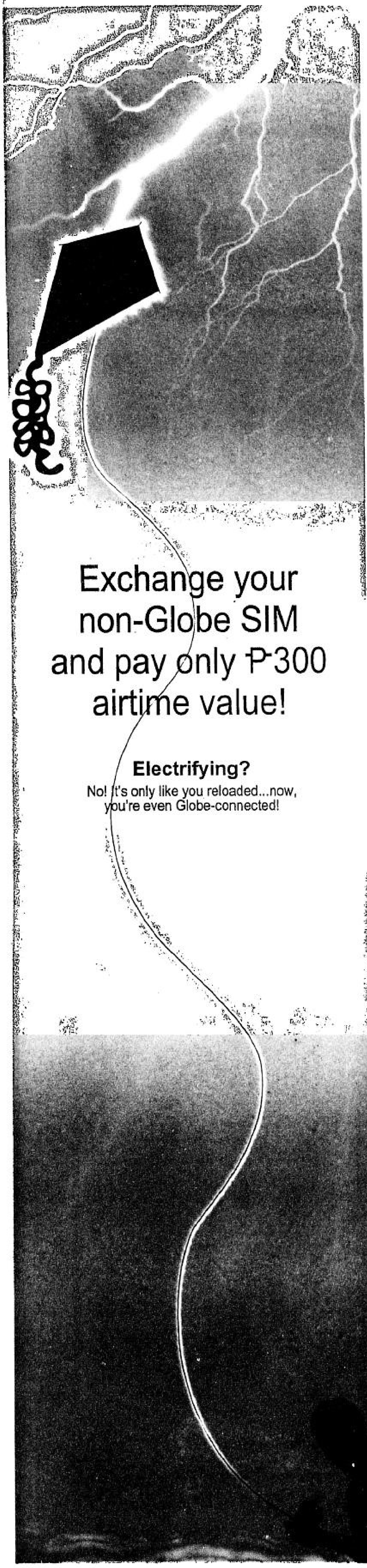

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years. But in my speech, [I said] this will be the department of teachers and students. So they took me seriously... "We were promised regular items, *di naman dumarating*." "*Bakit naman kayo pumayag?* "*E wala naman kaming mapuntahan, eh.*" I just got them their items. But that's because *may nakuha akong mga* items. So today in Mabalacat, there must be 17 or 20 people in pink cloud No. 9.

But there should be items because there is actually shortage of teachers, right?

That's the problem, it's Congress that gives out the items. I get something like 7,000 new teacher items and I need 36,000... This morning at the Cabinet [meeting], I said, "I want more. Don't expect me to produce quality education unless I have good teachers." I have solved the physical side, the curriculum and the content... and we have cheaper books. The classroom [shortage], I think, I will solve this year.

Across here I saw a prefab, the green one... We build a school house for P360,000 without toilet, P380,000 with toilet, one story; *kung* two story it is almost half a million. With the prefabricated, you can build for P300,000 with one toilet and you can build it in two weeks. According to them, two weeks for the base and 36 hours to put up and labor by the community because they sell it like equipment. If that is true, then I will be putting up prefabs all over the place. Wherever it is congested, I will put up prefabs. *Ang hirap mag*-SOP, *ang hirap mag*-corruption money because *kitang-kita, eh*. Order 100 sacks of cement, *eh kahit 90 lang, sinong magbibilang non? Ito*, there are 10 panels, you better have 10 panels otherwise walls would be missing. (Laughter) *Di pwedeng* overpricing...

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Are the local governments also supposed to build school houses?

Yes, well, if they have money. Makati has Makati High School, Pamantasan ng Makati... that was put up by Makati. That's another thing that you may want to know. I have P80 billion, the biggest department. I'm bigger *nga* than the Top 2 in the corporate world. I have more people than the Top 10, but you think I control P80 billion? No. DECS Central has P2.8 billion, I have direct control, theoretically, I can steal, but then I'll be put in jail. That's my direct control. Seventy-five percent of that goes to salary. Cebu has P9 billion, because the money has been decentralized, so the regions have more money than I would have. But, theoreti-

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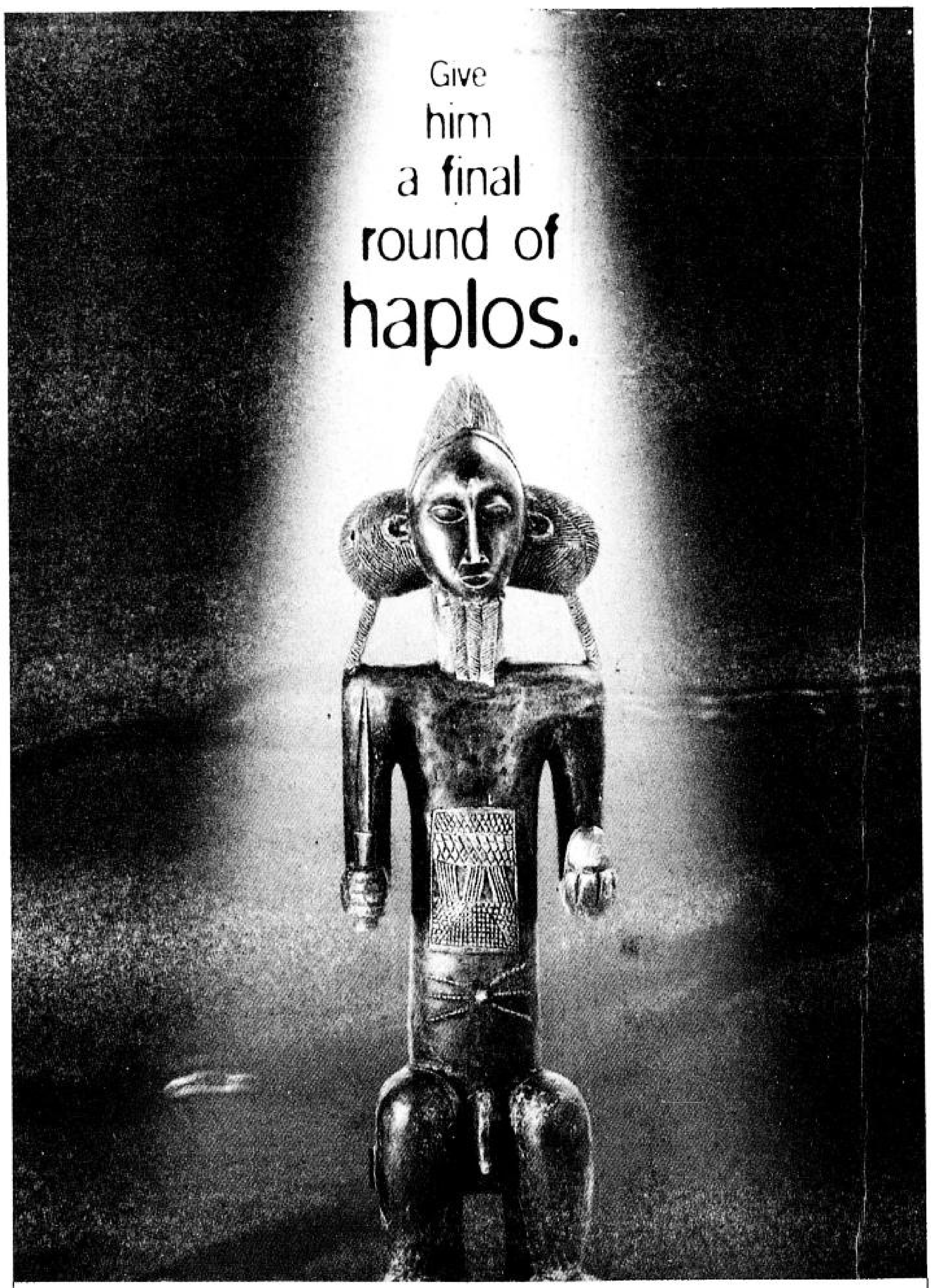

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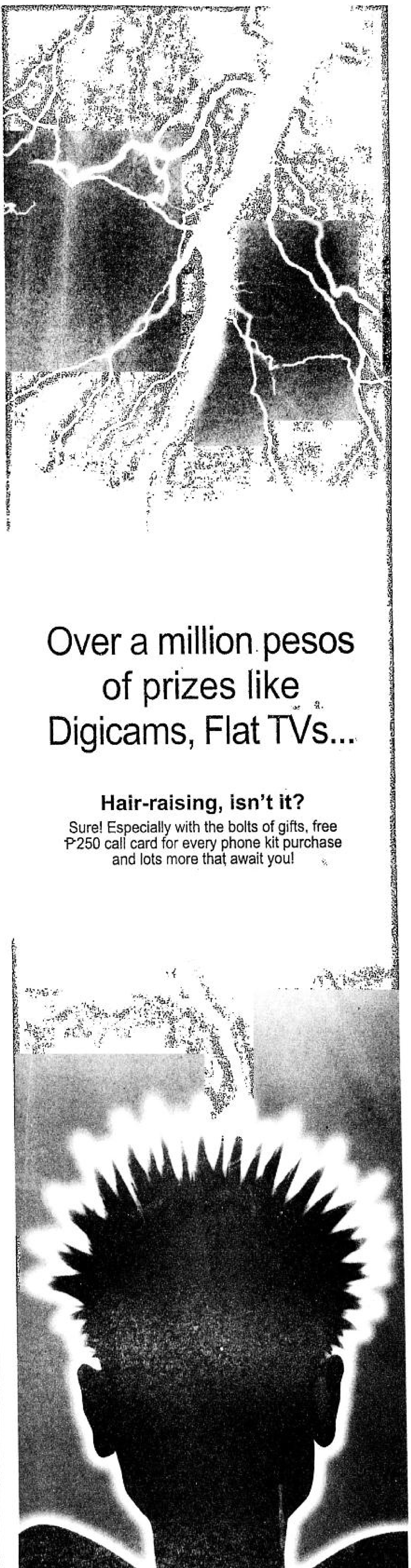

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cally, I can control. I can say, "You hire her."

So Cebu has more?

[illegible] has P5 million, Ca[illegible]yan de Oro, according to them, has P4 million.

Would they be able to get their budget for schoolhouses from that?

Different. There is a P2-billion amount for the schoolhouses. But you know why? I'm distressed because it affects some people, just so you understand why we are changing the culture. Since 1952, DECS has been collecting for all the lenders, 187 lenders.

Anyway, all these lenders give us 2 percent—that's in the law, 2 percent in all our collection is sent to treasury of the Philippines. The treasury sends it back to us and we distribute it to those who have direct connection, direct work on the checks, on the payroll. That involves 600 in DECS Central and another 100, I think, outside DECS Central, so 700 people. That involves… even before the COA, the auditors will be getting 2 percent not to exceed half a month's salary. It's really institutionalized.

Now that the school will open and the rainy season is coming, who will give the official annoucement where there are no classes?

I will or one undersecretary.

Early enough?

At 4 a.m. In fact, we are planning for June 4, just in case, I discussed with [MMDA chair Benjamin] Abalos about the traffic and we have the map of the flood-prone areas. I will announce if there is a typhoon or an undersecretary will immediately.

On June 4, we will distribute the books that are available so we are encouraging the kids to come. First come; first serve.

Do you give your cell phone number to the teachers?

Sure. I made a mistake of giving it out in Cebu (Smiles), and now they're saying (Reads his texts) *"Hindi pa kami binabayaran…"*

***Sa* election? It happens every time. Do you have plans of relieving teachers of their election duties?**

No, if we computerize they have less to do... In any event, you cannot exempt them because Comelec, remember, during elections has control and regulation and supervision over all of us. They can compel you to do anything, so why should the teacher be any different?

Why didn't the Comelec pay the teachers?

They did not; *sarado daw ang bangko, kundi sira ang ulo nila* they could have opened it. We signed [a Memorandum of Agreement] one week before elections that the teachers are supposed to be paid half when they get the ballot boxes and the other half when they turn over the ballot boxes.. we signed into a contract precisely to secure it for the teachers.

Guess how many classrooms we built in '98. We were supposed to build like 2,000 . . .
Under Erap?
Erap, second half *lang 'to.*
One thousand?
Lower . . .
500?
Lower . . .
Oh my God! 100?
Lower . . .
Fifty?
Lower . . .
Twenty?
Lower . . .

What about the private schools, are there any tuition fee increases?

When somebody says to me, "*Nag*-increase *ang* private school *ng* tuition." Come join me in the public school, it's free. But when you choose the private school, pay for it. I didn't ask you to go to a private school.

Would you put your child in a public school?

Well, as a matter of fact, my kids finished in UP High and they went all the way to UP College. My girls were the ones who were in Maryknoll.

But UP is quite different…

But the point is, if you choose private, help that school.

Is there a way to regulate?

Do you want INQUIRER to be regulated? It's private money, it's your money, why should I regulate the price of INQUIRER? If you choose the private school, help that school. I went through a private school all my life. My parents had double burden; they supported the public school system and they supported my school. I did not hear them complaining.

Supporting is one thing, but if you see that the school is not putting the money into…

Then pull out your child. We cannot be the guardians of everybody. In any event, that is not the problem that affects me because I'm DECS. I'm elementary and high school. I think many of the [public] high schools in Manila are very good, better than many of the private schools. I'll pit a Mapa High School graduate against any ordinary [private] high school. Arellano High School is very good.

Are the science high schools and art high schools under DECS?

Science High, yes. But Science High is… but if you look at the economics, this is the thing about the tuition fees because it generates passions and not reflections. Let's take UP. UP has a per capita expense of P35,000 per student, that's paid for by you and me. UST is less than that. It doesn't spend P35,000, even Ateneo does not spend P35,000. I think Ateneo is P34,000 or P33,000 per capita. La Salle is P28,000. Now the medical school of UP is P45,000, the highest per capita. The only one higher is the marines, the ones that transferred from Bonifacio all the way to Zambales. They are P65,000 but that's just because we bought a new boat, put up new buildings…It is more expensive sending your child to public school, but you don't feel it because all of us contribute.

What about the lobby of the private school for a voucher system?

My problem... is what will I do about the schools that are not good, whether public or private? What will I do? It's very difficult. If I give only to the good ones, then *'yung mahina patay na;* if I give *naman* to [those that are not good], I'm throwing good money for nothing. I called all the private schools. We are giving them control over their curriculum, basics we will impose.

In this knowledge society, the only thing we should transmit is that you should continue learning. You must learn the discipline of continued learning because it is the only way to go. If you stop learning today, you're dead. So what you must teach precisely is the desire and the motivation to continue learning because there is so much to learn.

In Economics I, we were taught that there are four sources of wealth: Capital gives you interest, land gives you rent, labor gives you salary, raw material gives you new forms. Where is the intellectual creation? Where is the song of Freddie Aguilar? Where is the goodwill? Where are the programs of Bill Gates? Land, labor, money, raw material. What about intellectual capital? The source of wealth today is intellectual capital, all your works, all the memory, the old INQUIRER, that's intellectual capital. Now information and knowledge are the sources of wealth.

We had a series where we published the books that had mistakes…

Yes, but that's another racket. I mean, I don't even want to go into that yet because I have not mastered it. But the textbook law is conflict of interest sanctified, really. The textbook board is composed of, I think, of two publishers and it's supposed to generate business for the publishing industry. So why the hell should our students absorb all the crap that the publishing industry must have printed at such great expense? Why can I not take a book from Ateneo and say, "Ateneo, you're using this, great, I'll use it *ha*? I'll publish it *na lang…*" You get royalty of 5 percent, good for the country… But I'll get into that as soon as I get [done] with the teachers, schools, rooms… I'll get there. *May mga banta eh,* texts like, *"Kaya mo bang bang-bang-gain ang mga matataas sa* DECS? *Bang! Bang! Bang!"*

Do you have security?

No, I don't have. I only had security once, the first time I campaigned for Congress, because my mother asked me to have a bodyguard. I can't say no to my mother.

You probably need one now.

But you die anyway even with security. Punzalan died and he had plenty of security; John F. Kennedy died with plenty of security.. At least I run off, they don't bother, they don't notice me when I see a movie..

Even in your red shirt? (Laughter)

I'm like Clark Kent. If I remove my shirt, *wala na eh.* (Laughter) They don't recognize me anymore, more if I remove my glasses. (Laughter)

Who buys your clothes? (Laughter)

Why? (Laughter)

Those are local shirts?

Yes, I just have it made by the tailor.

How many of those do you have?

I have two more in the car right now. I have 10, I think.

What do your children have to say about that? Do they make fun of your clothes? (Laughter)

Of course, they always do, that's all they do *eh.* (He has six children.) If you go to Kamuning, everybody will tell you that I buy *tela* from them.

Why flowers?

I used to have solid colors for the campaign, and then I had this ace, a split ace, that's RR eh, *baliktaran*, Raul Roco. That's the campaign *gimik* I always had. *Akala ng iba, alas* so *panalo, akala ng iba puso, bakit daw biyak? Pag ibinoto nyo si* Roco *kayo na ang magkukumpleto, hindi na biyak, ayan.* (Laughter) In 1998, I was making again my uniform, solid blue and yellow or *baligtad, sabi ng misis ko, ang tagal-tagal mo nang sinusuot yan eh magpalit ka naman* so I went to Kamuning to look for a new *tela*, and I chose flowers.

How about fruits, you haven't tried fruits? (Laughter) But Miriam might be considering that. (Laughter) No, it's nuts for Miriam. (Laughter) That will make her a fruit cake. (Laughter) *Kay* Tessie *'yon*. (Laughter) No, tarts for Tessie. (Laughter)

Ayoko ng square-square. Nothing wrong with that, but all the candidates have square-square *di ba? Ayaw ko 'yon, parang parehon-pareho*, so solid, *e ayaw na ni* Sonia (his wife) *ng* solid so I went into flowers.

Do you have grandchildren? Do you spoil them?

I have four grandchildren, lovely grandchildren. Did you read the book of Robert Fulghum? In one of his books he wrote about his granddaughter, you should read it. He said there are dolls *na pinaiinom mo*, that even urinate; it's messy, it's wet, not like your granddaughter because your granddaughter is always perfect. My grandchildren are perfect. (Laughs)

What do you do you with them? Do you have a particular day devoted to them?

Sundays they come around. I have one boy and three girls, very pretty.

What are your hobbies?

I used to play tennis but not anymore. Now I play with the dogs. I have a small farm in Antipolo where you can pick fruits, vegetables like lettuce. We don't sell, just for friends. We have six *santol* trees, two near the house are *matamis*. There are two *na magkatabi*, one is *matamis*, one is sour. I don't know why. I have *pili* trees, they were supposed to grow only in Bicol. I call it Maugm [illegible] ugar, it's the Bicol [illegible] "happy place," and I [illegible] tre [illegible] th [illegible] in Bicol (I [illegible]

A [illegible] in Tagalog, [illegible] think they're in La [illegible] ghter) **Was your father a lawyer also?**

No. [illegible] he finished Grade 3 that' [illegible] wh [illegible] became a lawyer.

How come y[illegible] were never linked with sexy [illegible] s? (Laughter)

My goodness [illegible] ughter)

Are you goi[illegible] ck to producing films?

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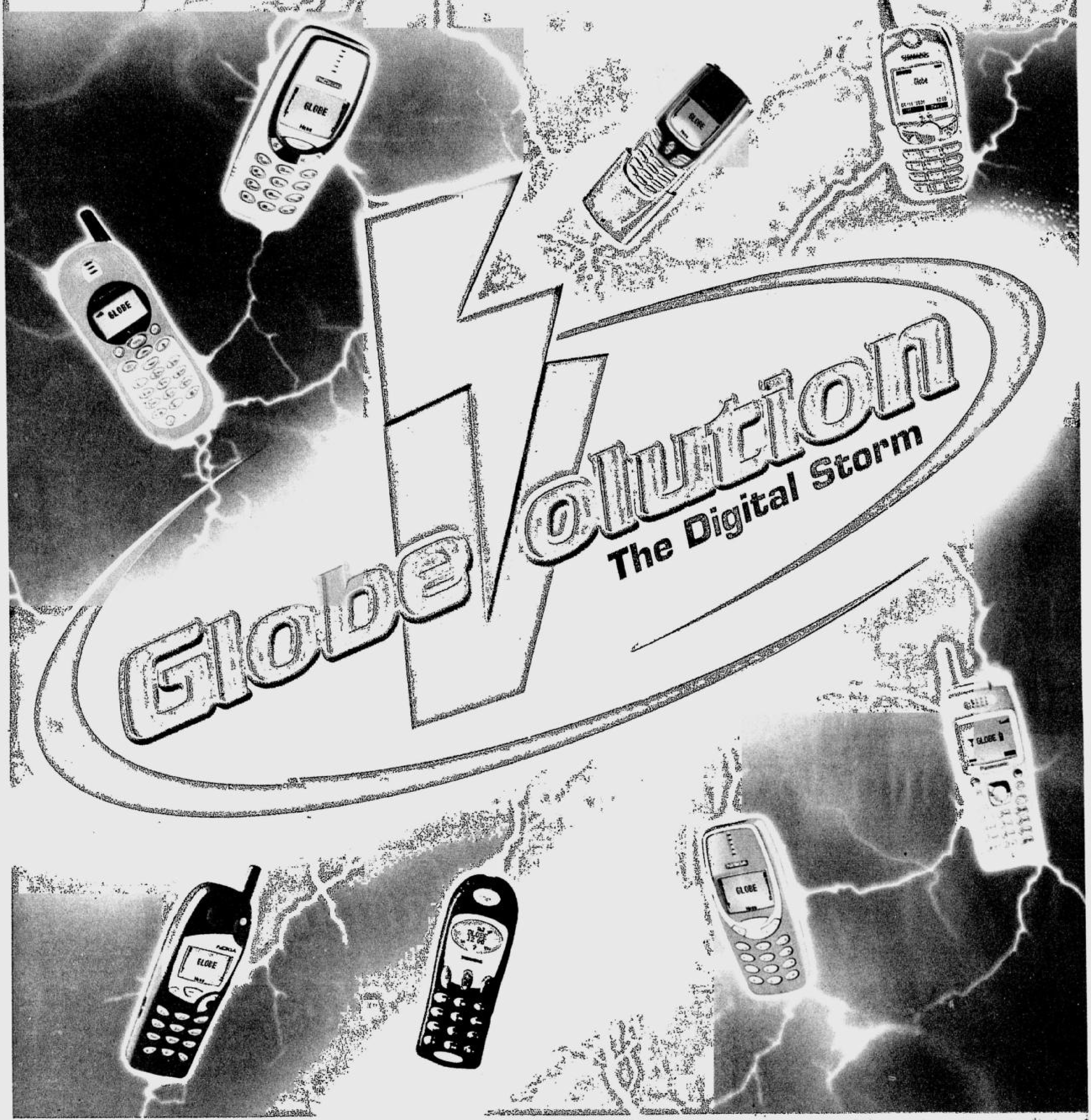

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BACK TO SCHOOL means back to the mall... well, at least for students. Particularly for students and inveterate mallers within the vicinity of Sucat, there's now SM Supercenter Sucat, a three-level shopping mall situated on Dr. A. Santos Avenue (formerly Sucat Road), Barangay San Dionisio, Parañaque City. It is the 11th mall of retail magnate Henry Sy.

But don't expect to see a mammoth-sized mall in this side of town. SM Supercenter is actually just one-fourth the size of Megamall, sitting only on a 67,000-sq-m lot. It is, however, a bit bigger than SM in Pampanga.

Nevertheless, SM Supercenter offers a smorgasbord of shops, boutiques, products lines, brand names and food stores shopaholics would love to check out. The mall caters to big villages like BF Homes, United Parañaque, and subdivisions in the area. Don't worry about parking. SM Supercenter has more than 1,000 open and covered parking slots.

At first sight, what will strike you are the dominant colors of yellow, green and orange. Yellow pervades the interiors. Blue, the signature color of SM, has been relegated to SM logos.

New retail concept

For the first time, mall hours are extended till 10 p.m. to accommodate harassed, last-minute shoppers. "With bad traffic conditions, busy working moms, for instance, cannot reach the mall to buy their household needs on time. By closing up late, we give them chance to enjoy shopping leisurely," says Millie Dizon, SM's senior assistant vice president for marketing.

SM patrons also won't get to see a department store inside the mall. What they'll see instead is SM's hypermarket, which caters to everyone's shopping needs, from groceries and houseware to appliance and electronics.

"It's a take-off from the European hypermarket concept, which combines supermarket, general merchandise and discount retailing," says Robert Kwee, SM's vice president for operations. Some of the best known hypermarkets in Europe are Carrefour and Casino. In the United States, there are Wal-Mart and Super Kmart. It's a warehouse-type of shopping designed to save customers time and money. SM Sucat features wide aisles, customer-friendly display racks and efficient check-out service with about 40 lanes.

The area is divided into two groups—food and general merchandise. There are three main entrances to the hypermarket and each is manned by SM crew dressed in green shirts.

Customers will love the space and the ambience of the hypermarket's clean and neatly

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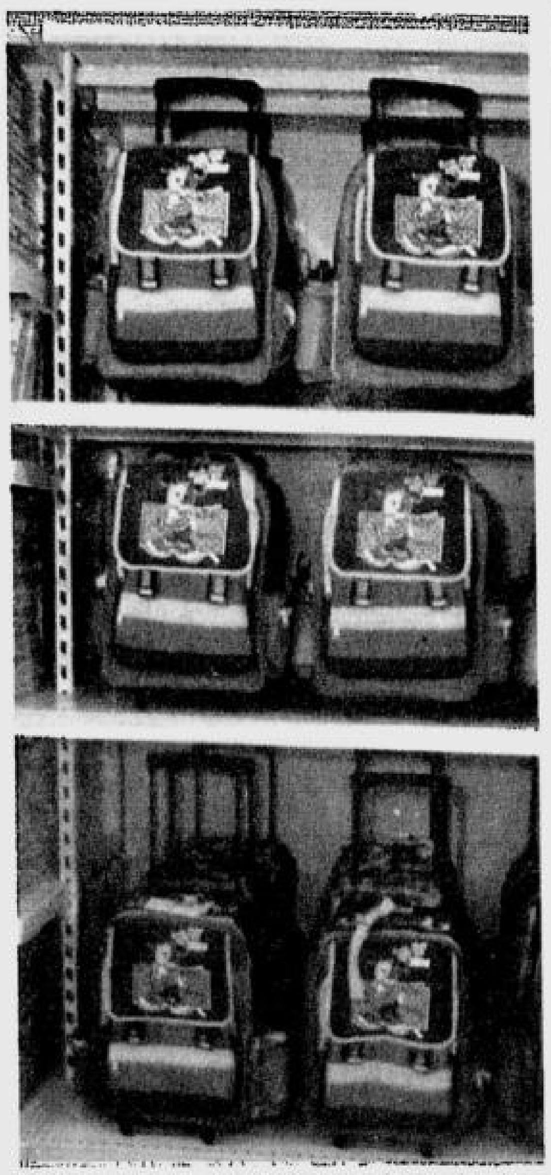
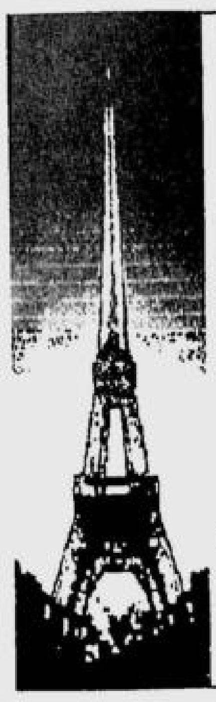

SM Sucat hypermarket offers back-to-school items such as these trolley bags.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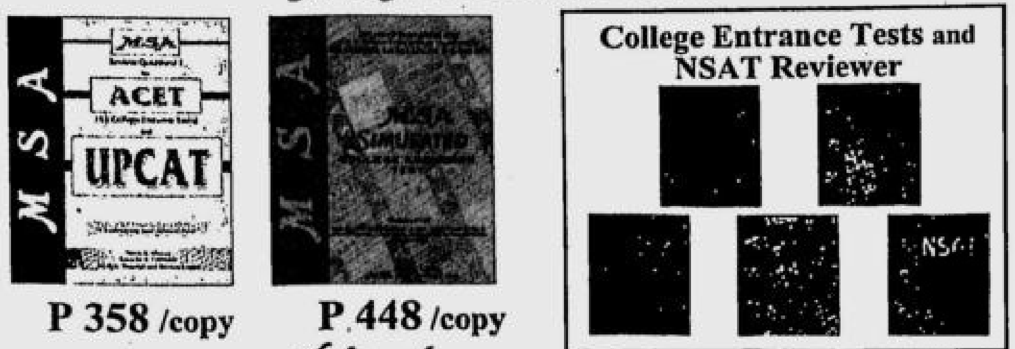
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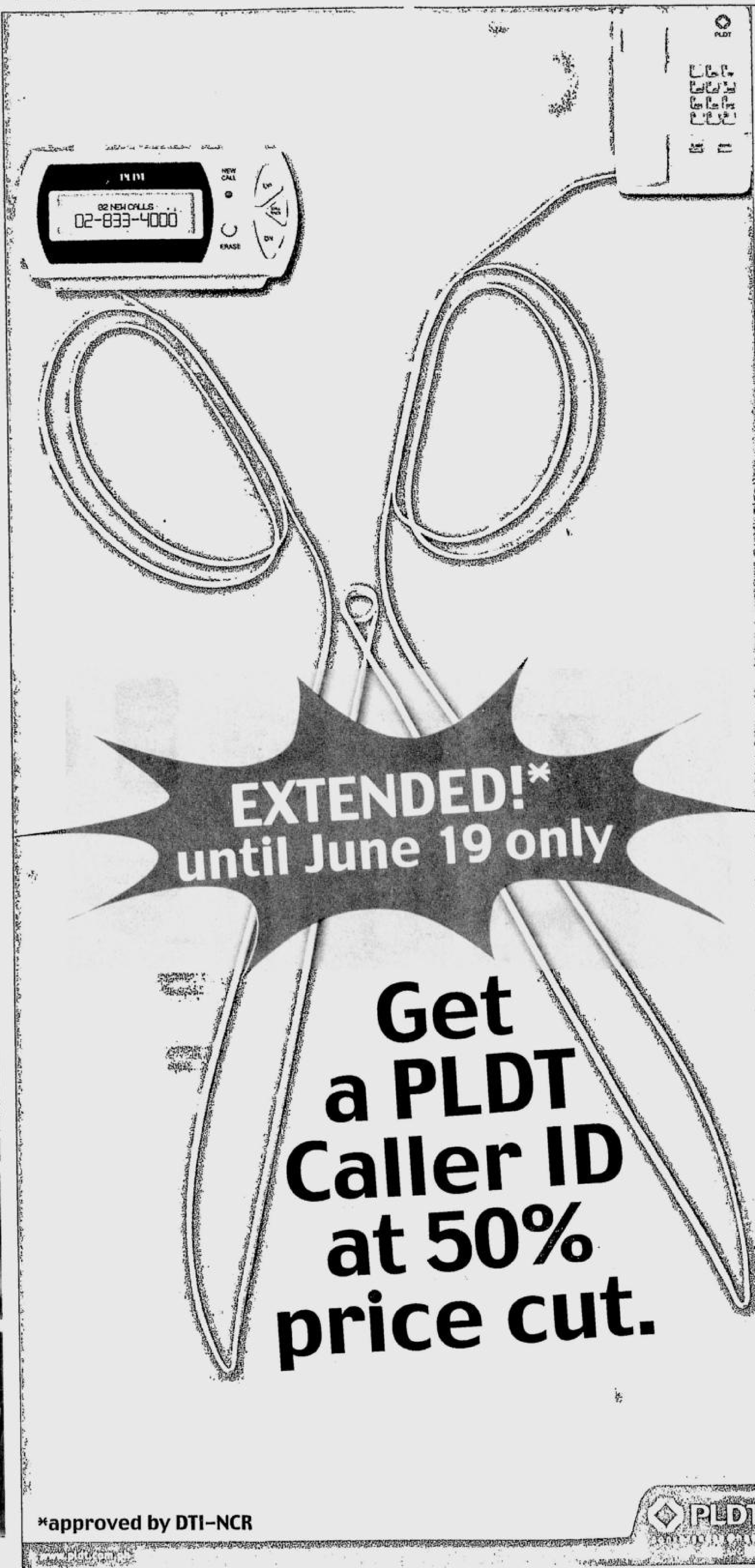

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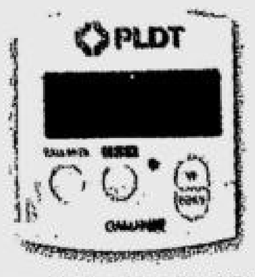
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PPA charge is plunder of another kind

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

WE consumers are already going berserk with the onerous PPA charges slapped lately on our current electric bills. And now comes another assault in the form of the omnibus power bill that may even increase power charges if the bill is approved by Congress.

PPA is short for power purchase agreements (isn't power plunder assault more appropriate?). As explained to us by lawyer Zenaida Reyes of the National Consumer Affairs Council, "About 20 different power purchase agreements were entered into between the government and independent power producers during previous administrations to put an end to the endless brownouts in the country." Terms of contracts ranged from 10-15 years, she added, which means consumers have to deal with PPA for more years to come.

Reyes further explained: "If the omnibus power bill is approved and Napocor is privatized, its humongous unpaid debt will be left to the government and passed on to distributors, which in turn will pass it on to consumers." Columnist (of another newspaper) Jarius Bondoc estimated the accumulated debt at P560 billion.

As Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile pointed out, the bill would institutionalize and legalize overcharging and other abuses that power companies like Meralco is imposing on its consumers.

As it is, consumers are howling over the jacked-up PPA charges on their bills. Our e-mail is congested by complaints like the following:

"We're being plundered," wrote Mildred Atienza of J. Rizal, Project 4. "Our total basic consumption charge is only P1,200 but the PPA fee plus currency adjustment is more than P900." Another Project 4 resident complained that her basic consumption is about P8,000 but her PPA is P3,870.

From lawyer Zeny Reyes: "I was shocked to find out that in addition to the currency adjustment charge, Meralco is billing me P2,088 for PPA while my basic consumption charge is about P2,988."

Here's another complaint: "I used to pay P500 on the average. Now my bill is over P700 because the PPA fee is P200 plus. I am only a driver."

While we're on the subject of electric bills, here's a letter written to us months ago by A.B. Angus, Delos Reyes St., Biri, North Samar: "Full-page ads in newspapers here published a listing of the power company's kilowatt-per-hour unit cost. Norsamelco price was quoted at P2.78. But as attached bills will show the discrepancies which the firm is charging us consumers. We will appreciate it if concerned authorities can look into this."

By the way, Energy Secretary Jose Camacho is pushing hard for the passage of the omnibus bill and threatened consumers to expect more massive blackouts if the bill is not approved by Congress. "That is sheer blackmail," retorted militant opponents of the bill, and we fully agree with them.

No-warranty Nokias

WHY do the Department of Trade and Industry and the National Telecommunications Commission allow cellular phone dealers to hawk phones with no warranties? For that matter, why do companies like Nokia Phils. refuse to honor warranty conditions for cellular phones purchased in other countries?

We have this complaint from Sharon Y. of hrh_sharon@hotmail.com: "My husband bought a Nokia 8250 in Hong Kong last February. I was only using it for one week when it refused to get any signal. Technicians at Brightpoint gave it the death sentence because the defective *cobba* motherboard was beyond repair. When I called Nokia Help Desk, I was told that Nokia's limited warranty is only valid in Nokia-intended country of sale, and my unit was intended for the United Arab Emirates."

She sent the Nokia 8250 to the Hong Kong dealer who also said the circuit board was irreparable, but refused to replace it because the unit had been opened, and that invalidated the warranty. That's P17,500 down the drain.

Ramon Eustaquio of Bangko Sentral bought a Nokia 3310 last February from Cellsite Network at Harrison Plaza. The salesperson explained to him that it was an Asian version (although it was made in Finland) and didn't have any warranty because it was an open-line unit.

After charging the unit at home, however, he noticed that the phone was unusually "hanging and shutting off automatically." He complained to the sales clerk but was assured "hanging was common" for Nokia 3310 models.

Convinced, however, that the unit was defective, he went back to the store and asked for a replacement. He was refused and told that the unit was not covered by warranty. The most they could do, the store clerk said, was to give him a discount on repairs.

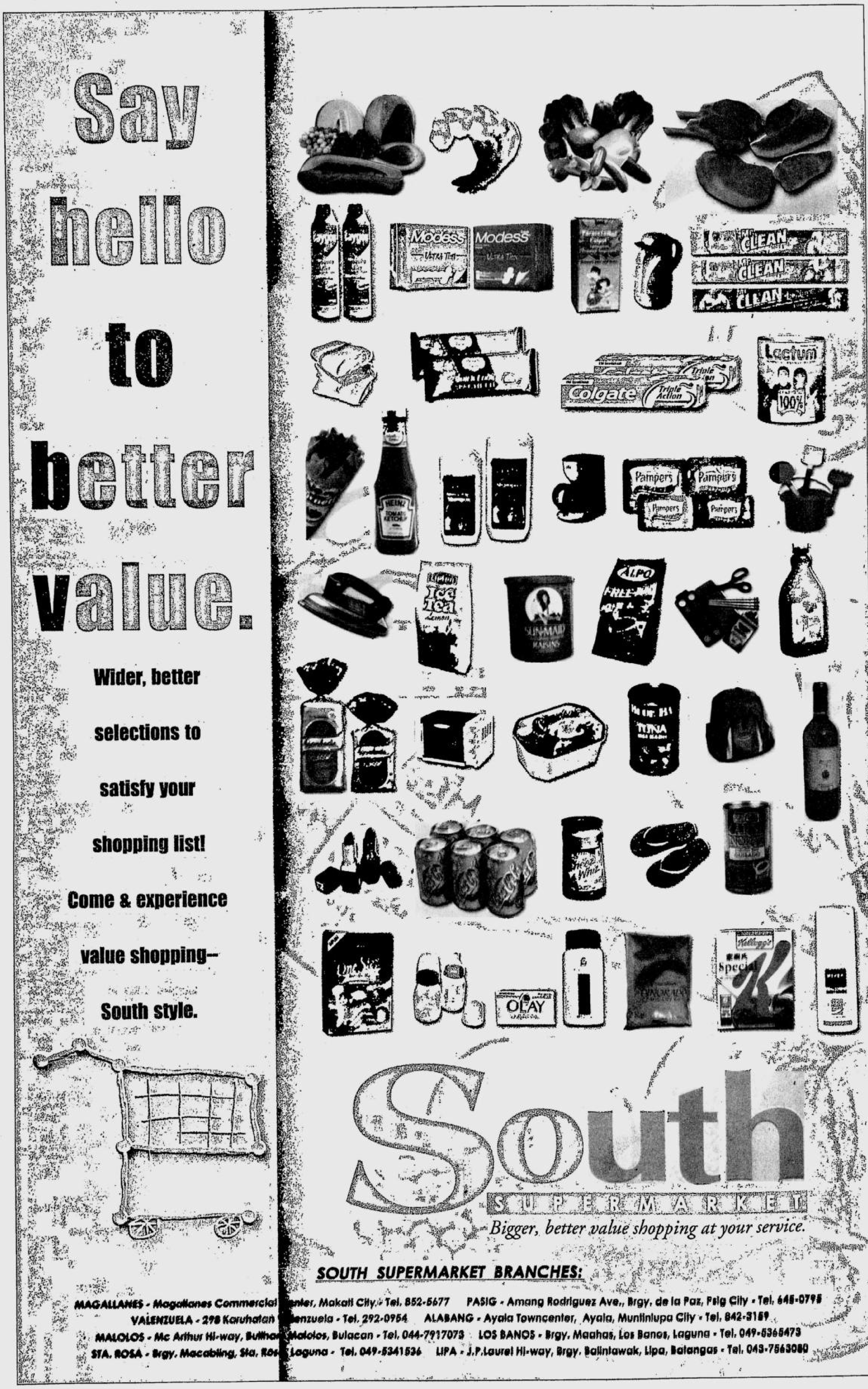
Ramon eventually agreed to have it repaired, not expecting the four-week hassle he experienced. First, he had to chase technicians by phone and personal appearance at Cellsite shops in Greenhills and HP. After three weeks, he was finally told that the estimated cost of repair was P2,600.

Nokia warns of unauthorized sellers

THE MARKET is crawling with unauthorized dealers who sell units that don't pass the quality inspection of Nokia in the Philippines. Unfortunately, Nokia admits they cannot do anything about it except to warn buyers that these units are not covered by warranty.

So if you're planning to buy a unit, call Nokia help desk to check if the store is an authorized dealer. Call 886-1234.

Here's a list of authorized service centers of Nokia products: Brightpoint, Araneta Avenue, QC; JMBL Int'l., Marcos Highway, Santolan; Semicon, SM Megamall; and National Professional Center (NPC), Tomas Morato.



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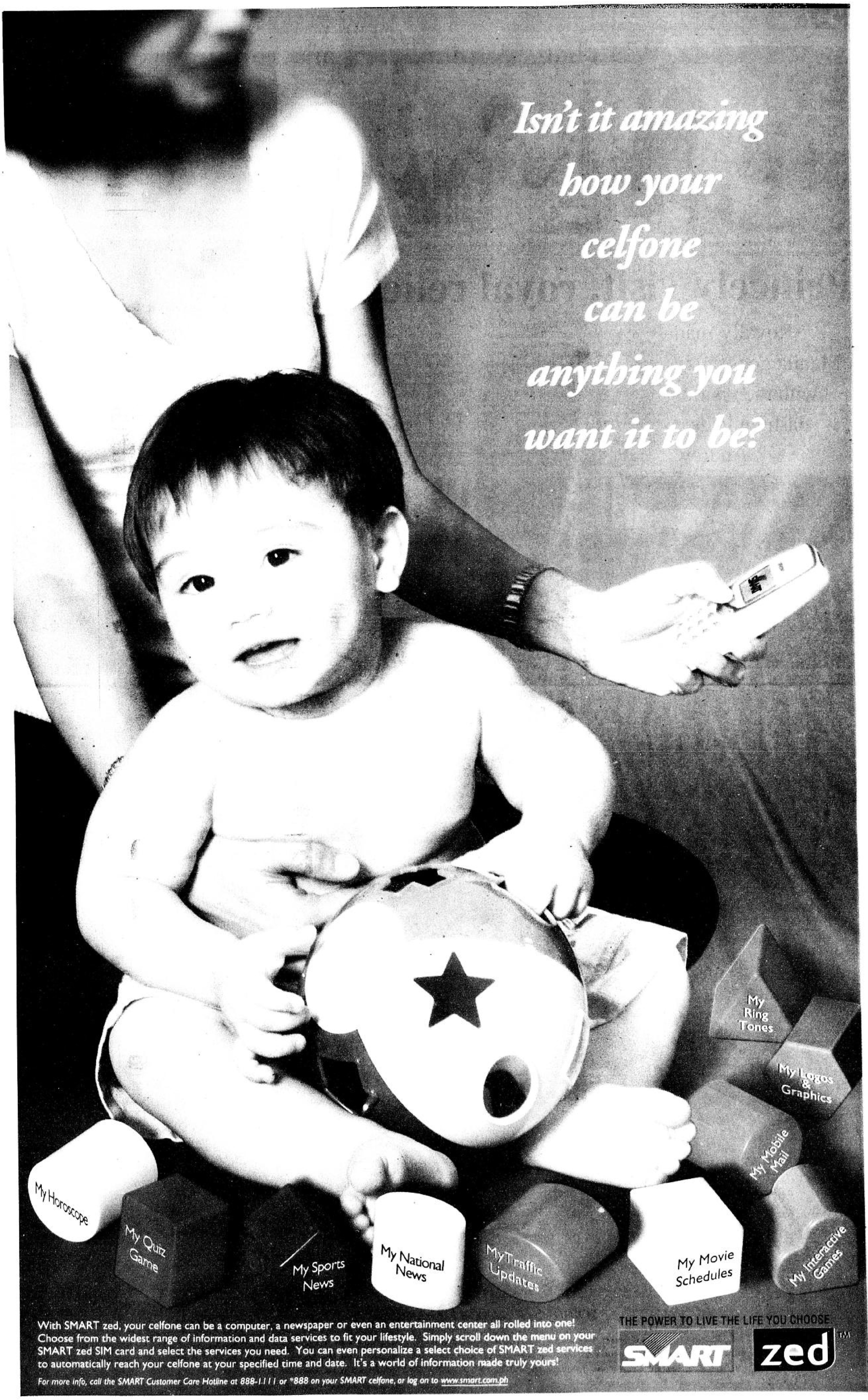
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PRESIDENT Arroyo offered a toast after she delivered her speech to HRH the Duke of York. The HRH, in turn, also delivered a short remark, followed by a toast, held at ceremonial hall Malacañang Palace.

PRINCE Andrew with Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste

Princely visit, royal relief

Royalty-mad Manila goes crazy with the visit of dashing Prince Andrew

IT was surely a royal relief for President Macapagal-Arroyo when Prince Andrew, second son and third child of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, made a quiet but eventful call on Malacañang. His visit was timely. The President needed a breather from the elections, the Mendiola attack and the Erap trial watch.

Of course, the President took the chance to underscore the Prince's visit as a signal that everything was all right with the country. "[The visit] means [that] as far as the world is concerned, it is stable [in the Philippines]," she said. She and Prince Andrew toasted to that.

The Duke of York made other Philippine officials happy. Before a beaming Trade Secretary Mar Roxas, he promised more trade and investments between the two countries.

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes was happy with the visitor's pledge to upgrade three British ships bought by the Philippines in 1997.

The Prince also gave a boost to environmental preservation when he planted trees with Warren Carmen and Samantha Brock, pupils at the British School, to mark the relocation of the school to Fort Bonifacio.

Later, the Prince flew to Puerto Princesa where he awarded the first Shell-Malampaya Chevening scholarship to deserving students and inspected the Malampaya natural gas exploration. After naval honors, he flew to Kuala Lumpur.

WELCOMING Trade Secretary Mar Roxas at the Palace reception

TREE planting with British school students

NAVAL honors for Prince Andrew led by Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes

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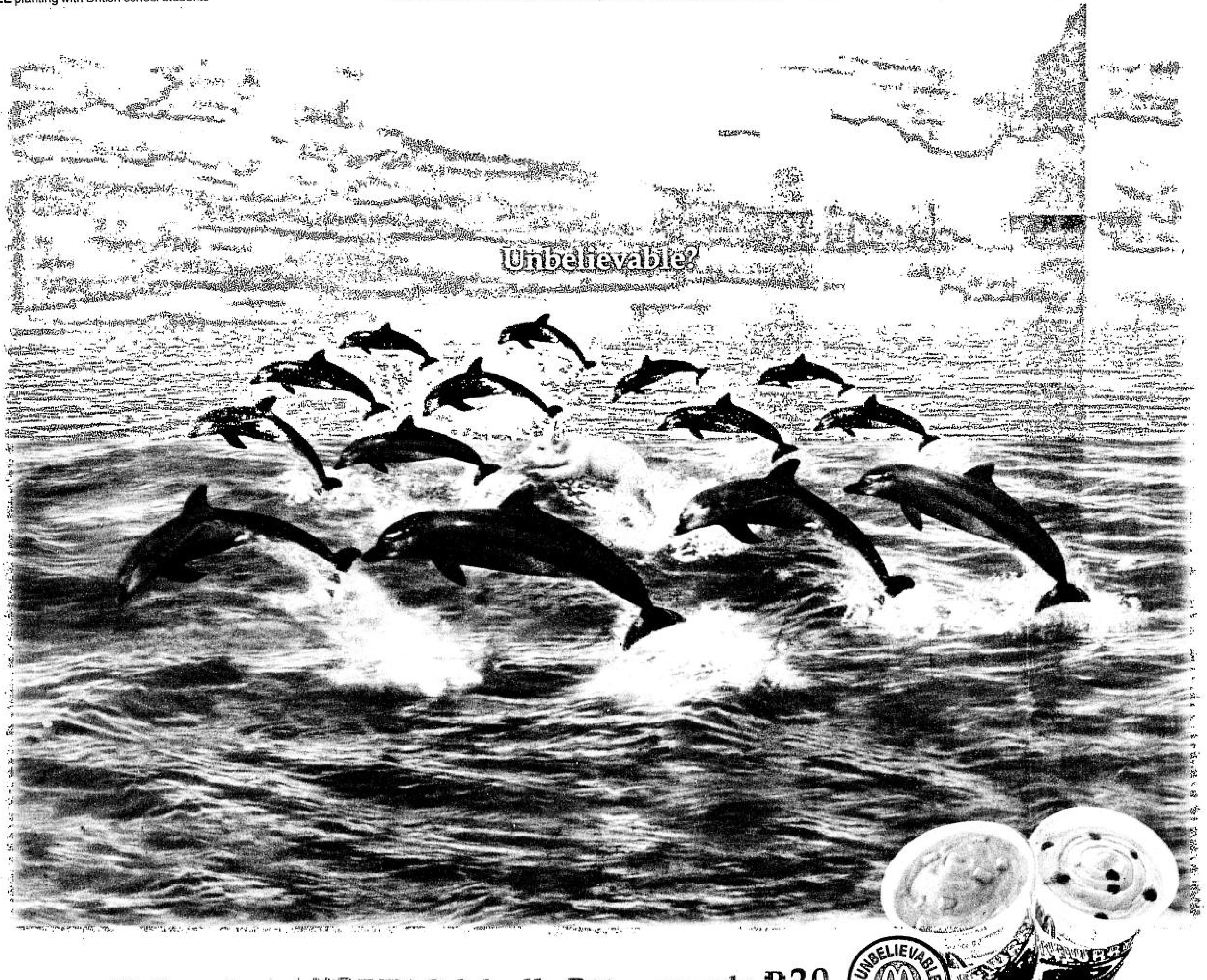

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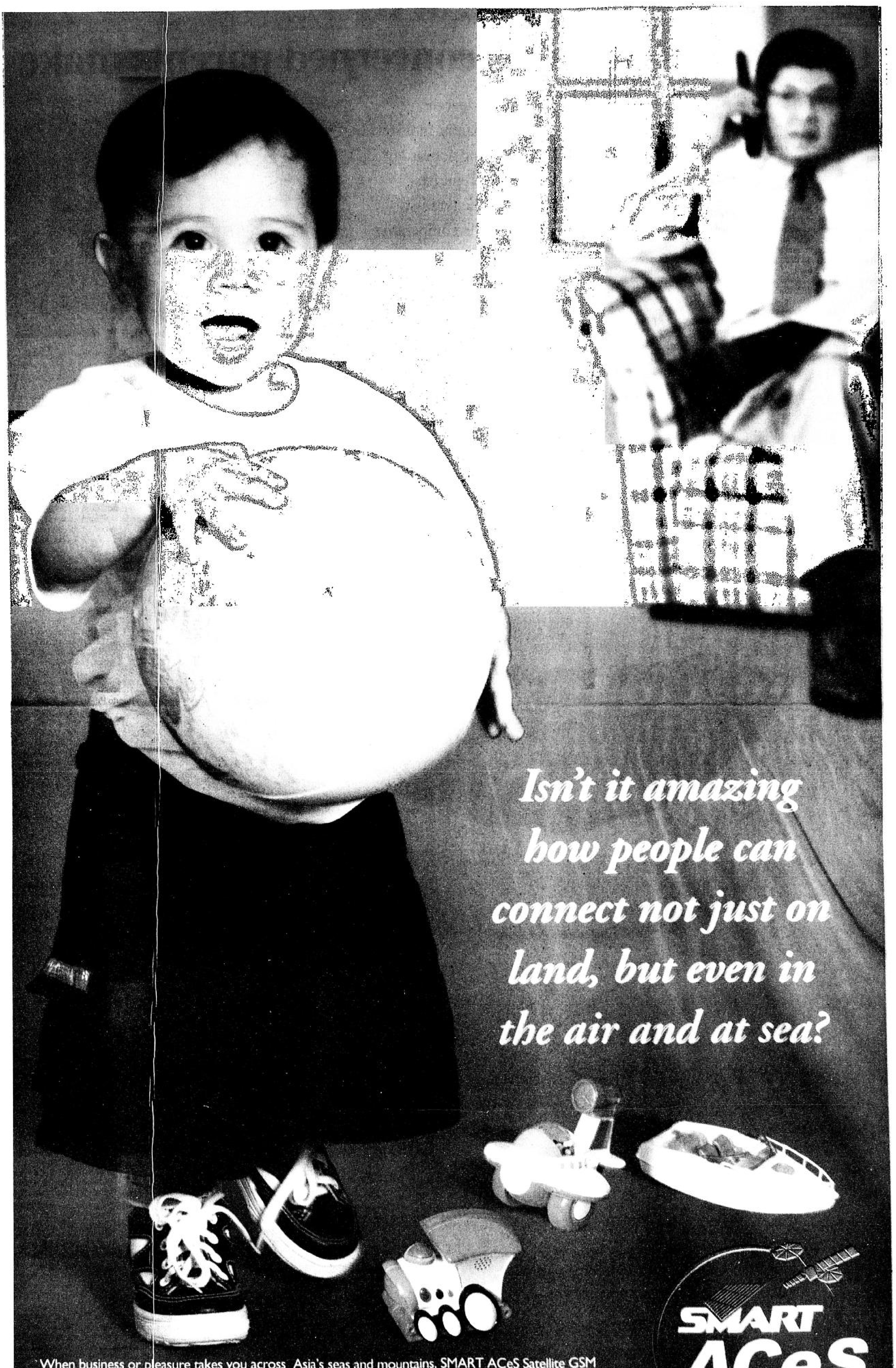
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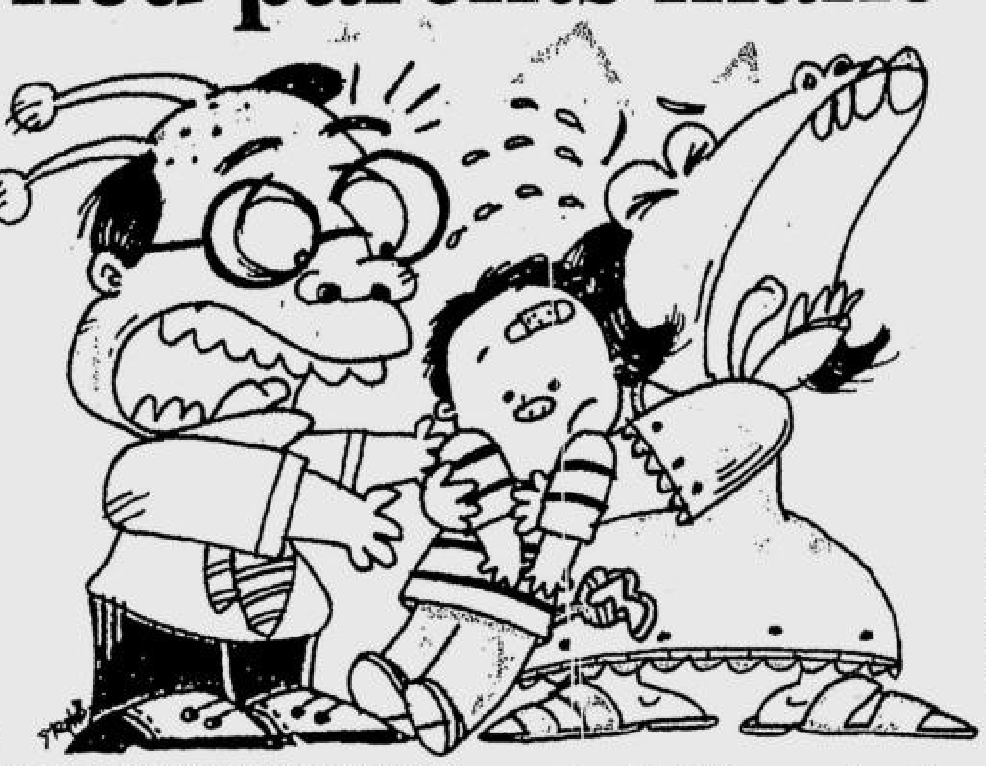
10 common mistakes concerned parents make

Meet the parent-monsters: the doomsday scenarists, the tyrants, the comparative experts, the protectionists, the show-offs and several more



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BY GRACE SHANGKUAN KOO, PH.D.

WELL-INTENTIONED parents also make mistakes—oftentimes, quite foolishly. Wanting to be the best parents raising the best children, they fall into traps that adversely affect their children's lives. Let me point out the more common mistakes responsible parents commit. These do not include visible signs of poor parenting, particularly by those who neglect, abandon or abuse their children—which would be another essay.

Catastrophizing. Responsible but anxious parents sometimes anticipate problems that would not happen at all. In their minds they imagine in exaggeration the worst outcome of a situation. When my daughter, at 4 months, had her first fall and bumped her nose, I felt guilty and thought she would have the scar on her face for the rest of her life. Some parents whose kids do not memorize the alphabet, when the rest of the "whiz" kids in the neighborhood do, "decide" that their kids are dyslexic. Or that when their kids are not as fat as their classmates, they (the kids) are malnourished.

Perfectionism. Hardworking achievers are prone to be perfectionists. As parents, they are not satisfied with less than a "perfect" grade for their kids. They make complaints in school or criticize their kids for not working hard or for not being careful enough. They are not happy with the neatness of their kids' writing and would check on their school bags for possible losses of notebooks. Kids with these parents are miserable. Some would not take the smallest risks, others would turn out to be compulsive-obsessive. There are those top-honor high school students who sob over an examination paper graded 98 percent and those who suffer from ulcers caused by the self-imposed stress of wanting to be perfect.

Comparison. And who among parents are not guilty of this? Parents compare their kids with other kids—in height, weight, appearance, grades, schools, extracurricular activities, clothes, etc. Parents also compare their own kids. "Why can't you be more like your brother?" They spot weaknesses easily but often fail to appreciate their kids' strong points. There are children who may be good in practical intelligence but who get less attention at home than their siblings who make the dean's list. A less attractive child may not get compliments for her looks, but do her parents compliment her for her thoughtfulness?

Protectiveness. A familiar scene in elite schools is the *yaya* or mother wiping and drying the back of her ward. The protective guardian pours baby powder on the kid and frantically fans her "suffering" angel. Some parents carry school bags for their kids when the youngsters are perfectly capable of hauling their own load. You see these poor parents seated on the kiddy chairs after dismissal, copying assignments or notes for their kids. Parents who protect their kids from taking the consequences of their action or lack of it may raise spoiled, dependent, irresponsible children.

Daydreaming. Some parents overestimate their children's talents. Having a sweet voice does not necessarily make a Broadway star. Being able to memorize all the scientific names of the anatomy does not necessarily augur a successful medical career. Parents may be guilty of daydreaming and "seeing stars." They go to great lengths, sometimes making unwarranted sacrifices, to make their "dreams" come true. Shuffling their kids from one activity to another, one competition after another, both parents and kids end up exhausted and frustrated. Children who try to live up to their parents' dream sometimes fail to recognize their own dreams.

Dangling rewards. I have heard of a parent who rewarded her son with McDonald's hamburger every time he got a perfect test score. I thought, "The son must be pretty fat by now if he has kept up the good work." Nowadays kids ask for trips abroad for finishing kindergarten! Is kindergarten that difficult? We do not need to say to a kid, "I'll give you money if you spend some time playing the video game." He is enjoying it and his interest is intrinsic. Every time we dangle external rewards for studying, we give or affirm the message that studying is not interesting and needs a higher reward to accomplish it. Shouldn't learning by itself be rewarding and sufficient motivation?

Controlling. Parents who are domineering tend to overcontrol their children. They have a say on their kids' choice of toys, ball pens, clothing, hairdo, friends, cars, career and spouses. Even if parents do know better, they will do well if they interfere less. Otherwise, kids may grow up lacking in self-confidence and not being able to think on their own in making decisions. In their eagerness to direct to the right way, parents sometimes deprive their children of going through the process of learning and maturing.

Issuing commandments. Responsible parents are oftentimes strict. Rules are to be followed and compliance is required. In an effort to exert such compliance, parents issue a string of "thou shalt nots." The authoritarian approach causes much resentment in children who think they are mature enough to run their own lives. In certain areas of daily life, guidance could be given in a less directional tone. Not all matters carry the same weight in seriousness and need to be looked at as a life-or-death situation. Children who are raised in an authoritarian environment are uptight and scared.

Overscheduling. The "hurried child" is a 21st-century plague. Kids are not provided time to be kids and to enjoy their childhood. Parents who send their children to ballet classes, piano lessons, school band, soccer team, painting lessons, math enrichment to occupy his/her time are depriving their kids of their childhood. They have lost their weekends or even after-class hours to academic, art or sport activities. Driven to distraction, both parents and kids suffer from an inordinate need for achievement.

Showing off. "Show *tita* how to make beautiful eyes." "Show *tito* your taekwondo kick." Young children are eager to please. But there are parents who fail to notice that some kids are shy and are apparently embarrassed by the whole process. And the *tita* or *tito* may be too courteous to show that they are not enjoying the "program." Parents are naturally proud of their children, but those who make every conversation a chance to rattle off a list of their children's accomplishments are boring. Kids can sense the patronizing behavior of the listeners. Parents can learn to be more discreet in sharing their pride. They should opt more for sincere compliment from other people about the talents of their kids.

Awareness of our mistakes becomes valuable if we learn from them. "There is nothing final about a mistake, except its being taken as final." (P. Bottome)

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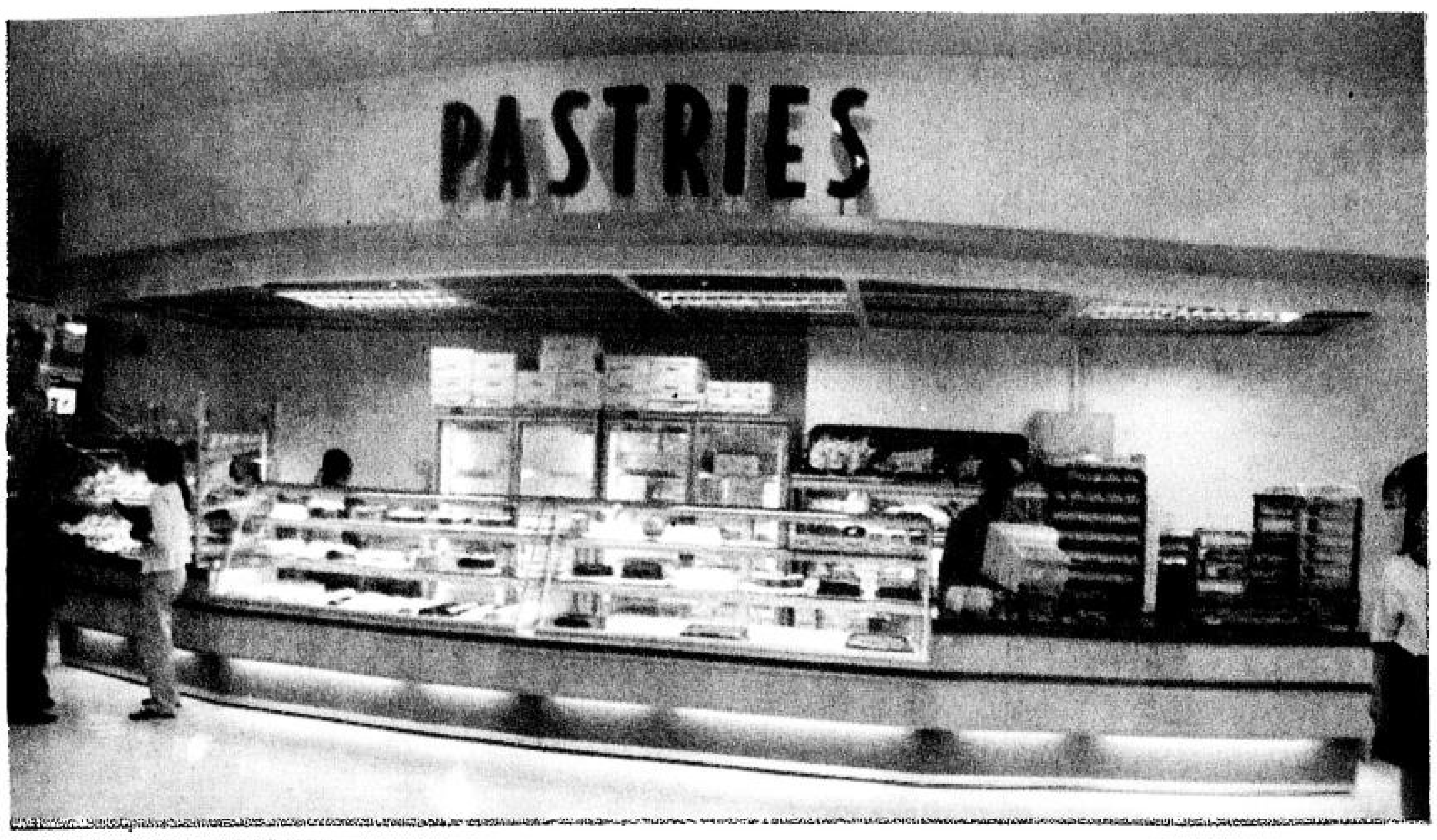
The new SM Sucat hypermarket has a prepared foods section, a self-service shoe section and a walkalator



BAKED goodies attract mallgoers.

THERE'S a daily delivery of fresh seafood and meat products.

Malling with a difference

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zoned, high-ceilinged room. The vast area is also a showcase of organized displays of products and racks. "The underlying objective is to provide leisure shopping for the clients with proper imaging," says Kwee. "And the display is critical because it is the key to selling. Customers get to touch and feel the merchandise."

The customer's first stop is often the fresh produce section, which is conveniently located at the end of the room. You don't need to look for the aisle number; just look at the wall where categories, such as fruits and veggies or the fresh and frozen sections, are written in big, bold letters.

The hypermarket sells fresh seafood and meat every day. There's a daily delivery of fresh produce as early as 6 a.m. What doesn't sell is brought back to the supplier. "We also apply the fresh in, fresh out system here," says Kwee.

Prices in the fresh produce section are generally reasonable. We learned SM always tries to knock their prices down by monitoring the prices of their competitors. At the moment, a kilo of *sugpo* costs P390, while other major groceries sell it at P440/kg. *Dalagang bukid* is priced at P95/kg, while it's P120/kg in the wet market. *Tilapia* costs P75/kg; it's P90/k outside.

SM Bonus premium meat is also cheaper than other popular brand names. But, being cheap doesn't mean less quality. "Bonus products only give shoppers their value for money and an option to choose items they need," says Kwee. SM Bonus items are priced about 10-15 percent less than standard goods outside. Their chicken is P65 (P75 in the wet market). Beef cubes cost P135 a kilo at the time of our visit (it's P150 in the *palengke*). Baby back ribs is priced at 144/kg, pork chop at P115/kg and butterfly-cut pork at P138/kg.

Right beside the fresh produce section is the Prepared Food section, a unique feature where harried shoppers can get precooked food off the

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FRUITS section features durian, watermelon and *singkamas*.

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AN IMPRESSIVE assortment of health and beauty products

HOUSEHOLD items are conveniently arranged to suit the shoppers' needs.

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counter. Meals-to-go food includes fried noodle, rotisserie chicken, burgers, pizza, etc.

Convenience shopping

Beside the food section is the general merchandise section. The items are also conveniently arranged to suit the shopper's needs. Imported brands are numbered among local items. With this improved setup, SM has attempted to ease the customer's shopping, from leather goods, apparel, all the way to footwear and beauty products.

An impressive assortment of cosmetics, sporting gear, health and beauty aids, completes the floor. "This is to guarantee the availability of a balanced mix of items to choose from, plus a wide product range in this one-stop shop," says Kwee.

For the shoes section, an array of shoe racks displays different sizes and kinds of shoes for men, women, kids and babies. Labels like Planet, Otto, Adidas, Barbie, World Balance, Evans, Rockport and Parisian are available. All shoe sizes are displayed, so you don't need to call a saleslady to get your size. It's self-service type of shopping.

There are also bags and luggage. Ladies bags are sold for as low as P50 to a thousand bucks for a signature line. The stationery section provides school and office supplies. At the end of the line is the appliance area where electronics brands are displayed. If you buy one, you get a claim tag, pay to the cashier and claim the item from a counter on your way out.

Right beside the appliance area is the furniture and houseware section. There's a special section for "back to school," where everything the student needs is available, like trolley bag (P145) and lunch box (P50-P200).

After shopping, you don't need to drag all your stuff out the mall and head to the parking lot. SM Sucat has a walkalator, which goes all the way to the parking area. Truly, SM has got it all.

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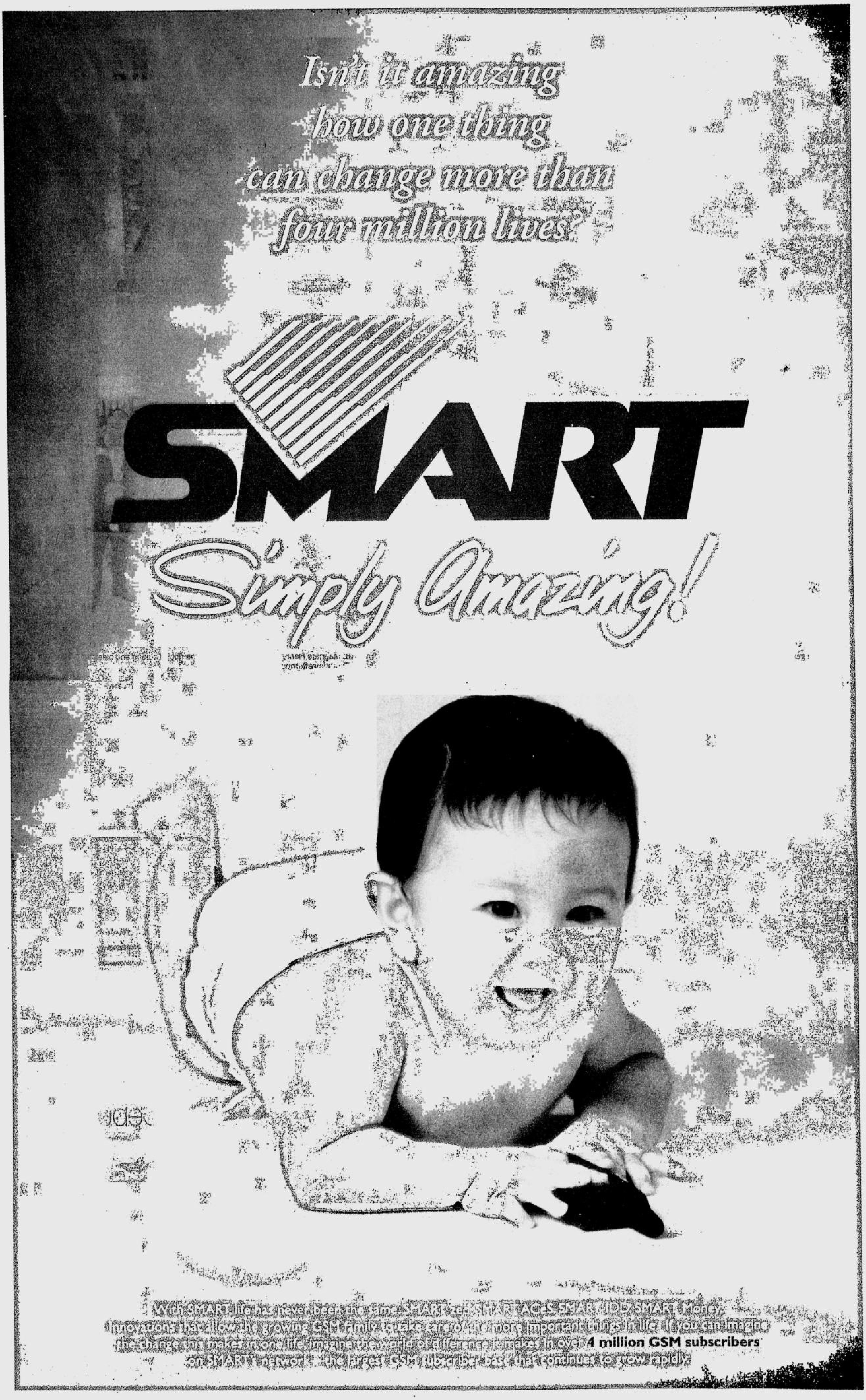
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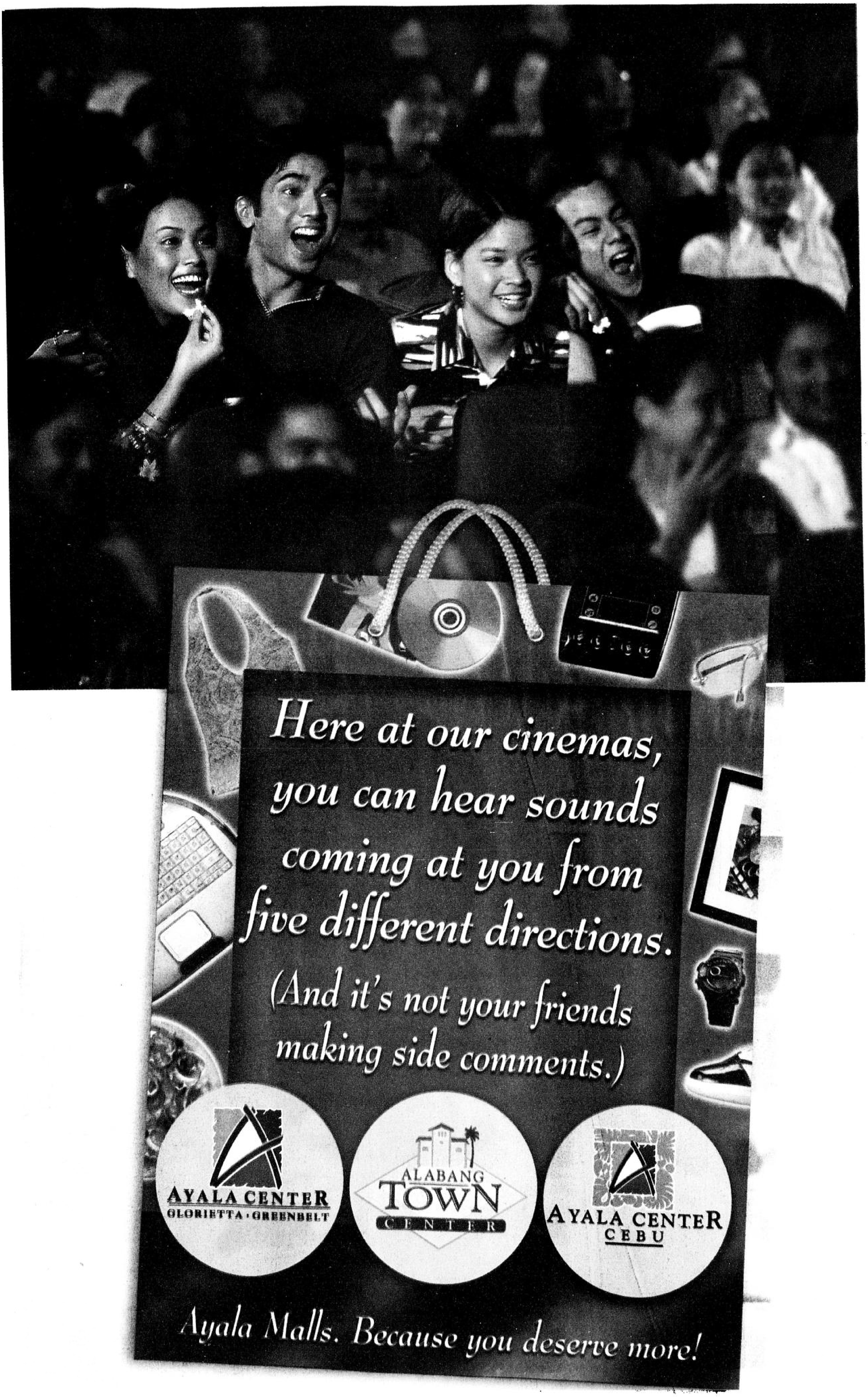
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PRIDE IN THE FILIPINO. Homegrown delegates to Intel ISEF 2001

Gawking at cool geeks at the Science Olympics

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY CATHY BABAO GUBALLA

SCIENCE and math were never my strong points. Back in high school, the girls and boys who excelled in those subjects were perceived to be geeks and belonging to another planet. However, in secret, we marveled at their amazing aptitude for math and science as we lesser mortals watched in awe while they aced every quiz or exam thrown our way.

Last week at the Intel Science and Engineering Fair (Isef) 2001 held in San Jose, California I found myself in the midst of young mathematical and science geniuses from all over the world. They came to compete in what is dubbed as the largest pre-college celebration of science, the "Olympics" of science competitions representing more than 40 countries around the world. Once again, I found myself humbled and in great awe of the young minds that filled the city of San Jose that exciting week.

> The Intel Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, California gathered some of the youngest—and emerging—techno minds, Albert Einsteins and Andy Groves of the future

Intel's mission

Silicon Valley welcomed the world's next generation scientists and inventors. Intel Isef is the only international science fair for students from Grades 9 through 12 (or in our case, first to fourth year high school) that showcases all life sciences. This year's event displayed research projects by more than 1,200 of the world's best young scientists and inventors who competed for $3.5 million in awards and scholarships. Student finalists emerged from a field of approximately one million students who competed in more than 400 regional Intel Isef-affiliated science fairs around the world during school year 2000 to 2001.

Research projects included a glove that translates sign language to a computer, a more efficient way to decode DNA and a method of reducing harmful emissions through additives. Although developed by high school students, the projects often represent significant research that rivals those done on the post-collegiate level. In fact, more than 10 percent of the students compete with patents pending on their research.

The Intel Isef is part of the worldwide Intel Innovation in Education initiative to support science and technology education. Its goal is to prepare today's teachers and students for tomorrow's demands by developing and supporting education programs that help meet the needs of students and communities worldwide through improving science, math, engineering and tech-

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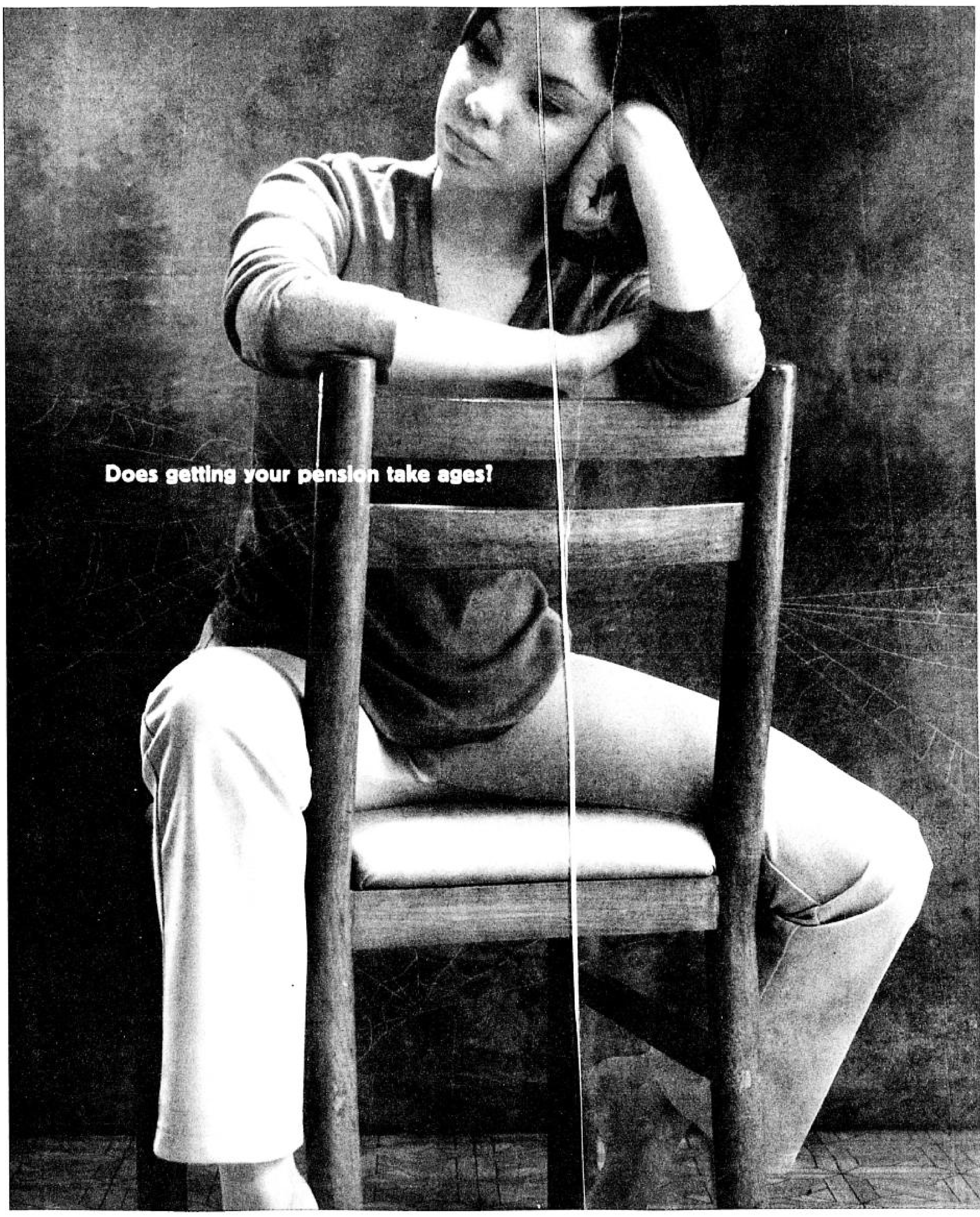

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Gawking at cool geeks at the Science Olympics

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nology education; enhancing education through the use of technology in classrooms; and broadening access to technology and technical careers.

Homegrown talent

Among the 1,200 delegates were five young and bright Filipinos. Reinabelle Reyes, Bernard Mendoza Jr., Niña Gianan, Tsikee Lu and Tonyboy Canusa V who came from different parts of the Philippines, winning the grand prize in various categories of the locally held Intel Science Fair held in Manila last year. Looking much younger than their foreign counterparts, they reveled and enjoyed in the weeklong activities held in San Jose.

The concert (featuring the popular band Sugar Ray), trips to the Tech Museum and the mixer were high points of their visit to Silicon Valley. On the side were quick visits to malls where they shopped for teenage stuff like clothes and shoes. For most of them, it was their first time in the United States. For all five, the experience at an international science fair was a dream come true.

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THREE FROM THE SOUTH PSHS-Davao's Niña Gianan, Tonyboy Canusa and Tsikee Lu

FIL-AM Emmalisa Sparrow and PSHS-QC's Reinabelle Reyes

Reinabelle Reyes is from the Philippine Science High School, QC and the valedictorian of her batch. She with the chinky eyes, long black hair and bubbly disposition is an incoming physics major at the Ateneo de Manila University. As a child, her father had gifted her with a telescope that set her on a love affair with science.

"My first love was really astronomy," she said. Somewhere along the way she decided to focus on physics. When we asked her what the most memorable part of the fair was, she replied without batting an eyelash, "Mark MacGrath"—lead singer of Sugar Ray. This is certainly one hip science whiz. Reinabelle's project was on forecasting phytoplankton productivity in the South China Sea using Neural Networks.

Amiable Bernard Mendoza hails from Santiago, Isabela, second to the youngest in a brood of eight of children raised single-handedly by his mother, who is a line inspector with the Northeast Luzon Bus Co.

Bernard, who says science has always been a favorite subject even as a young boy, is an incoming civil engineering freshman at the Isabela State University. His entry on raising the nutrient level of rice has a potential impact on the diet of millions of people throughout the region. A lover of classical music and ballads, he says the trip is a dream come true. "I was speechless and in shock when I won in Manila. My mother was so happy. If I only had extra money, I would have wanted to bring her here with me," he tells us with a smile.

The young trio from Philippine Science High School-Davao—Tonyboy Canusa, Tsikee Lu and Niña Gianan—developed a project which is close to the heart of their region, the banana tree. "Bacillus subtilis as Biological Control Agent for Black Sigatoka-Causing Mycosphaerella fijensis in Bananas" hopes to control the disease which plagues the industry from which many farmers in Davao derive their livelihood.

These three young students, as 87 percent of all Intel Isef finalists, and nearly 40 percent of finalists from outside the United States, have parents who are in science-related careers. Niñas father is with the DENR in Davao, Tsikee's parents are both doctors and Tonyboy's father is a civil engineer and his mother, a medical technologist. Definitely, genes played a role in molding these three teeners passion for science.

This coming school year, Niña will be at the UP Diliman taking up molecular biology and biotechnology, while Tonyboy will find himself at UP Los Baños in a chemical engineering course. Tsikee, like Reinabelle, will be at the Ateneo de Manila taking up management engineering.

All three were very much impressed with the importance that science is given in the US. "Back home there isn't much funding," they said. But in San Jose, they really saw the important role that science plays in improving lives. The desire to go into a science course was reinforced as a result.

Interestingly, there were also quite a number of participants at Isef with Filipino lineage. Among them were Marlon from Hawaii and Emmalisa Sparrow from Fairbanks, Alaska whose mother is a UP microbiology graduate.

Intel's guru

Most of the participants agreed that one of the most memorable talks they listened to during the fair was that of Intel's chair Andy Grove. Grove emphasized, "Plans are a place to begin, but they rarely deliver you to where you are expected."

Citing instances from his own life, Grove likened life to "a random walk." "Invest yourself in things you enjoy and the results will follow," he told the students. "Follow your passion. Life is a random walk and your compass is your passion."

When a young student from Florida asked him to what he attributed his success, Grove replied, "To the happenstance of opportunities and choices that I made."

And what of risk? "Risk is something you should undertake when other considerations, like your passion, go warm."

Innovations

Women are certainly making their presence felt in science, engineering and math. This year's Isef saw a 46 percent to 54 percent female-male ratio; 38 percent of the finalists from the Asia-Pacific region were women. At the Philippine Science High School in Davao, in fact, two-thirds of the student population is female.

"More and more women are really excelling in science and going into science-related careers," Carlene Ellis, director for education of Intel, says. Ellis relates that as a young girl growing up in Florida in the '50s, though raised in a very traditional home, she was encouraged

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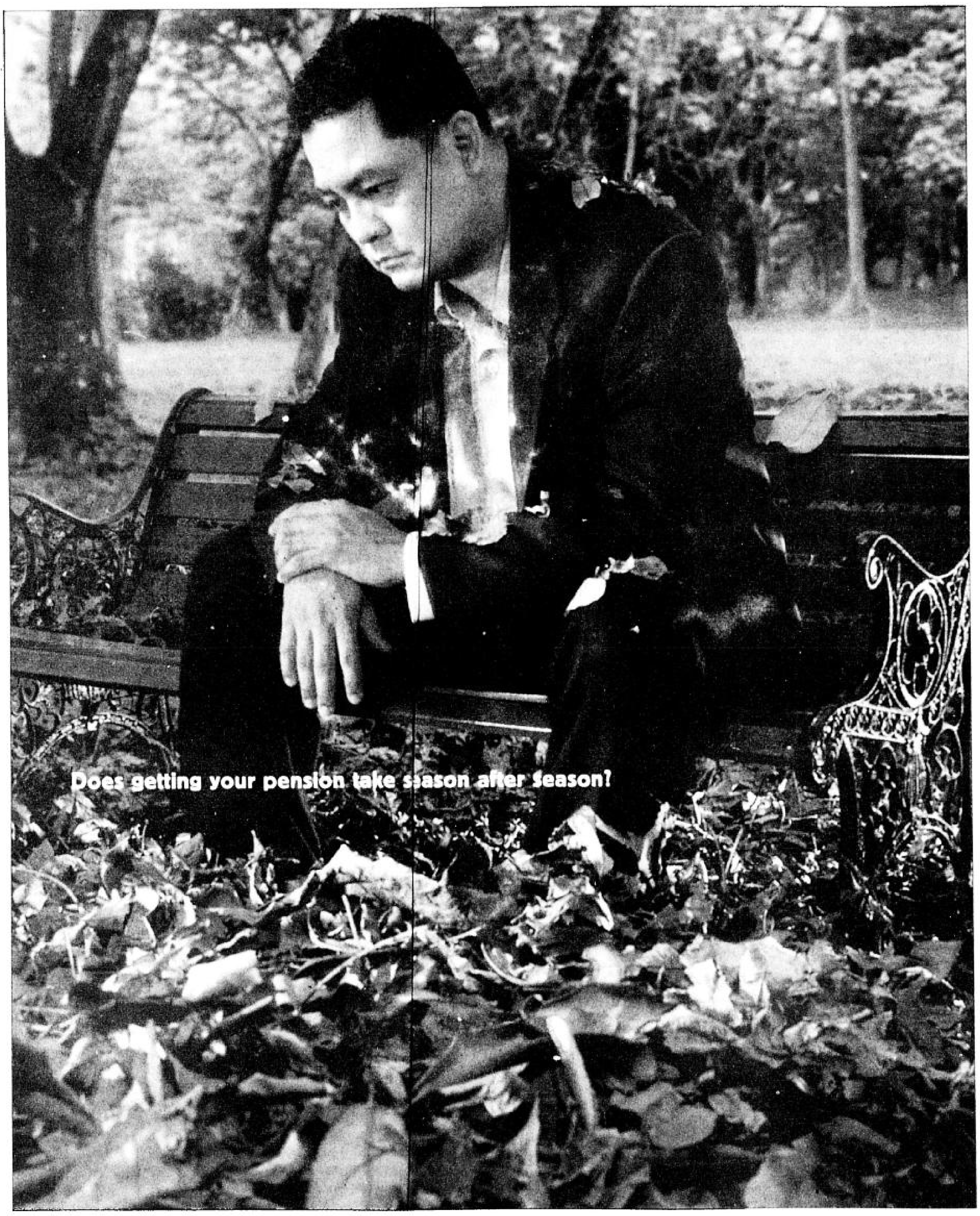
BLOOD BROTHERS. Marlon from Hawaii bonds with Bernard Mendoza Jr. of Isabela.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Raul Teehankee

IS there life after "Miss Saigon" Manila? For **Leo Valdez**, there is Hong Kong, Singapore and Manchester, England, for the next two years. "The best Engineer ever" made Manila folks sit down at the Cultural Center of the Philippines and look and listen to his bravura performance.

Leo made his debut performance at the Hong Kong Cultural Center last Wednesday and the gala party was held right at the lobby of the legendary Peninsula. After six weeks of playing the Engineer in HK, he'll proceed to Singapore for the next leg and, after two months, he'll leave for England for the "Miss Saigon" road tour.

Leo V. makes the Philippines proud because not only is he a fantastic performer, he never forgets family, friends and country back home.

Let us take a peek at unpublished pics from my album starting on the day "Miss Saigon" in Manila was presented to national and international media to Leo V.'s farewell concert held at the Mandarin last month before he left for Australia, where they had the rehearsals for the HK and Singapore productions of "Miss Saigon." IMG, whose clients include **Tiger Woods**, model **Tyra Banks** and a long list of global sports stars, is the agency behind "Miss Saigon" in the two countries.

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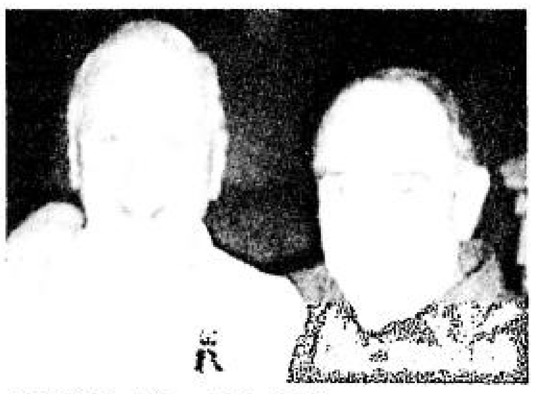

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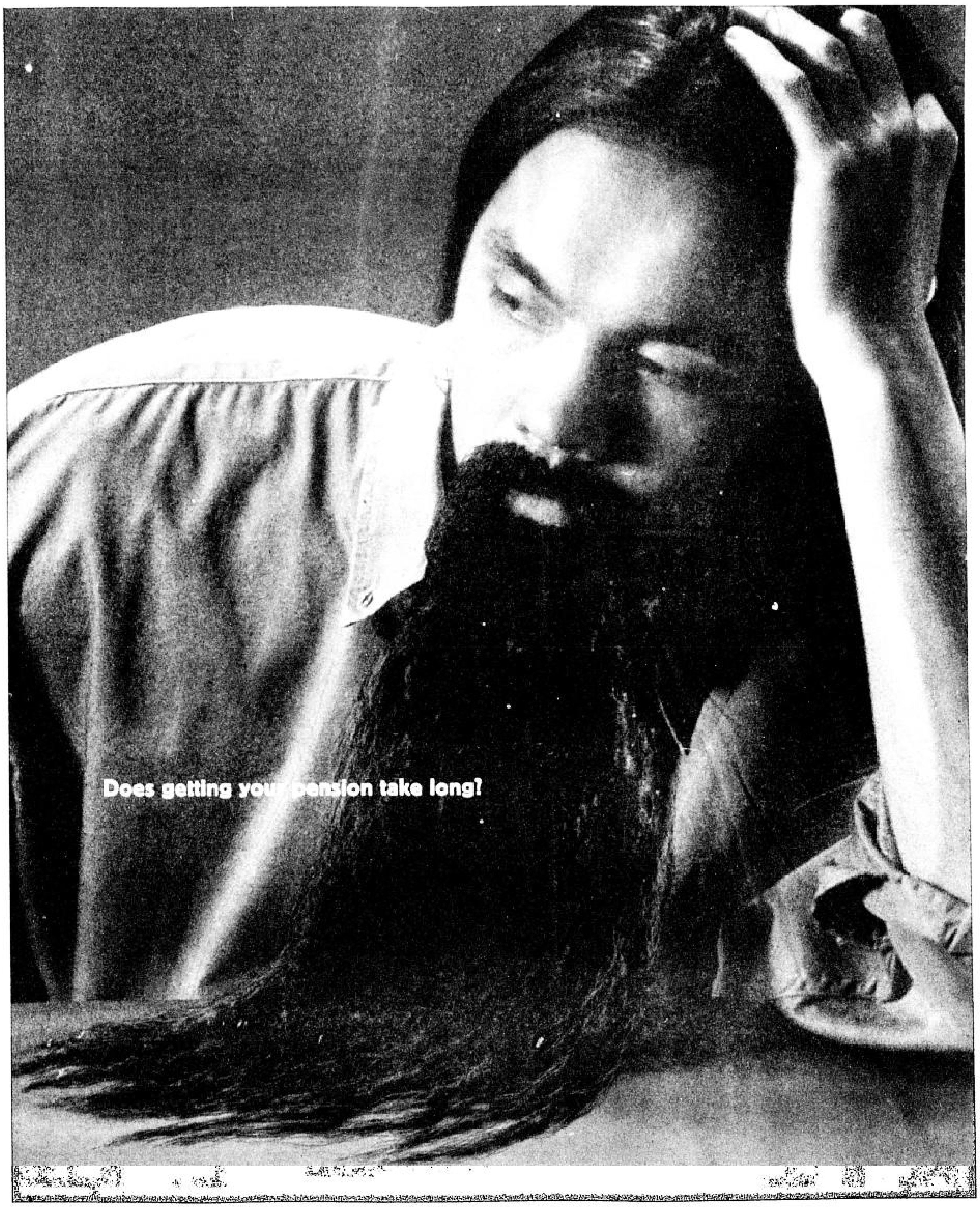

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HOME to the Intel Computer Clubhouse in East Palo Alto, California

AT THE SAN Jose-McInery Convention Center with the Philippine Star's Ching Alano

Gawking at cool geeks at the Science Olympics

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to pursue a science-related course, though that was not her first choice.

"At first I wanted to join a ballet company and I had a ballet scholarship in New York City, but my dad said you are very good in mathematics, you are not going to go to New York City to dance." Ellis added, "I also grew up in a state where the space program was very strong and Sputnik was really a big deal for me. I did not have trouble understanding that math and science would get me somewhere. Kids today, especially in the US, see no national agenda. I myself failed to get my daughter who is very good in science to go into a science-related course. Their view of engineers is that they are geeky and have no social life. So it wasn't cool to her."

"The encouragement," Ellis emphasized, "should really begin from the home at an early age." Intel helps the encouragement by means of holding a "girls day" at the Computer Clubhouses, which they have built all over the world.

Clubhouse

The Computer Clubhouse is very close to Carlene's heart because it empowers the youth through technology. In collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Computer Clubhouse was founded in 1993.

Today, 15 Clubhouses have served over thousands of young people in countries as far as Germany and Colombia. A Computer Clubhouse is set to be built in the Philippines later this year. "The Web has become the hub for everything and the Internet humanizes computers and science for girls because of the ability to help," Ellis said. "There is something about being able to help that appeals to girls in particular."

Ellis hoped that the Computer Clubhouses will connect children all around the world. "Children will go beyond language, there will be no more barrier."

The Intel Computer Clubhouse is both a physical location and a proven successful learning model that provides a safe, creative after-school environment where underserved youth are encouraged "to learn by doing" and develop meaningful skills that will open up new possibilities for themselves. At the Clubhouses, youth can create computer-generated art, music and video; design their own animation; build kinetic sculptures and robots; develop their own webpages; and program their own computer games. We saw this for ourselves when we visited the boys and girls club at East Palo Alto, a low-income community in Silicon Valley. It was heartening to see how underprivileged children acquire computer skills and find great pride and joy in their work. In this case, the tools of science had a psychological dimension by boosting the child's self-esteem.

Another noteworthy program is Intel Teach to the Future where Intel invests cash, equipment, curriculum development and program management to train more than 400,000 classroom teachers in 20 countries around the world by 2002. With support from Microsoft Corp., the program is a worldwide effort to help teachers integrate technology into their classrooms to enhance student learning. The program is currently being implemented in the Philippines through the local Intel office in Makati.

The fair was capped by a grand awarding ceremony at the San Jose State University. Afterward, all participants went home exhausted but happy. "You are all winners here," they were told by the master of ceremonies.

In a sense, they really were as they had each won in their country's respective local fairs. Surrounded by such talent and genius, enduring the whole week with Niña, Tonyboy, Tsikee, Reinabelle and Bernard, science did not seem so daunting anymore.

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Singapore on a wheelchair?

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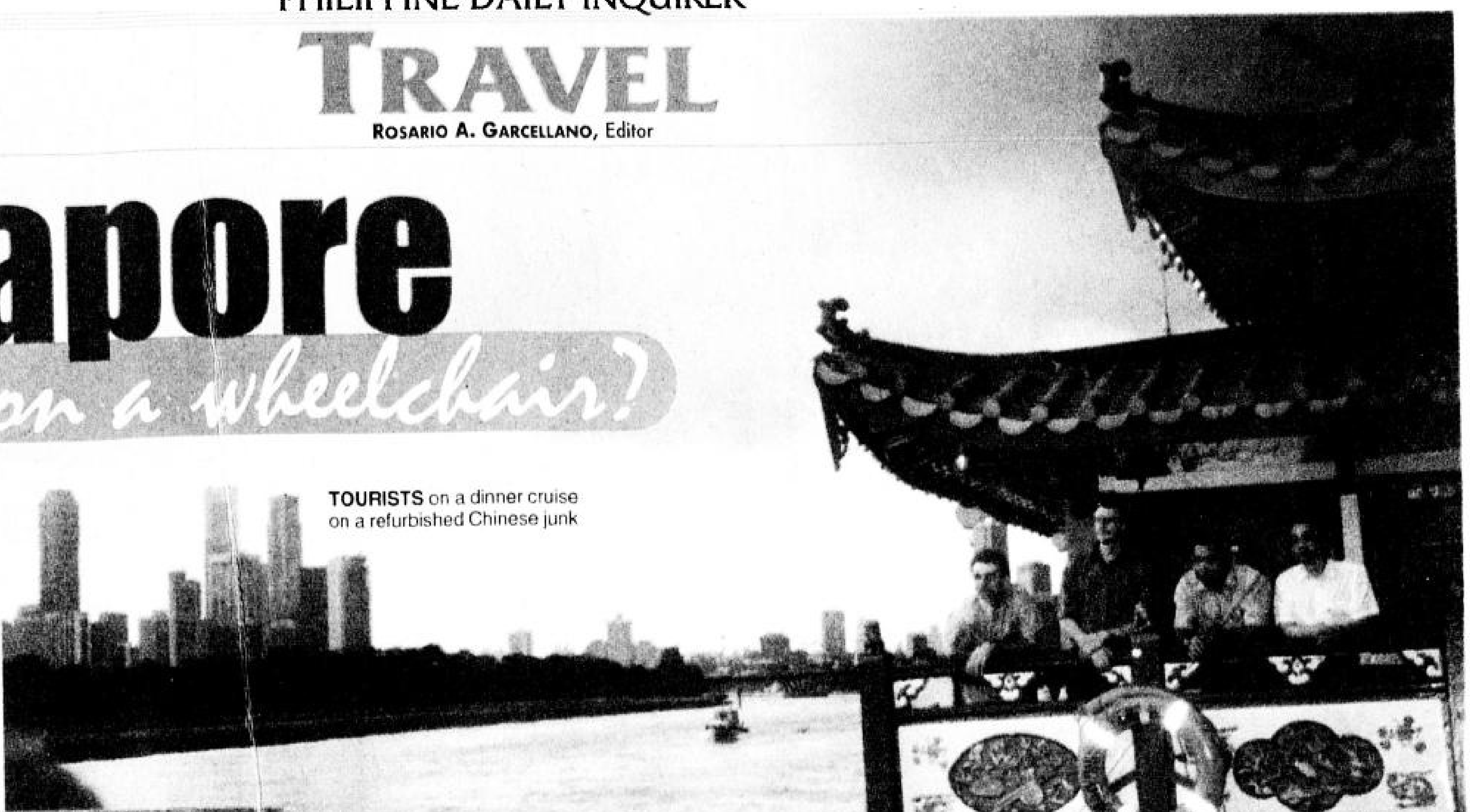

TOURISTS on a dinner cruise on a refurbished Chinese junk

HAVING recently planned a break in our work schedule to visit Singapore, we were determined to see the "touristy" sights to find out just what it was that made this little island of over four million a prime tourist destination.

Fortunately, we had for a traveling companion a first-timer in the Lion City, dentist and friend Dr. Malony Santos, who wanted to get everything out of his 3-day-2-night package that cost only a little more than P18,000 and included airport transfers, sumptuous breakfasts and one city tour.

So we went the tourist route—choosing from tantalizing sights in colorful free brochures found everywhere from airport and bus terminals to cafés, hotels and malls.

There were day and night city tours, the Jurong Bird Park, Ming Village, Night Safari, Sentosa Island, Singapore River cruises, Malay Village, Chinatown, National Museum, Dinosaurs at the Singapore Science Center, Tiger Balm Gardens and Snow City, as well as special-interest trips involving horse racing, agriculture and history, a trolley tour, cruises to the southern island, and quick jaunts to neighboring Malaysia.

A PEEK at the leafy sea dragon at Underwater World

Every inch of the city seemed geared to the tourist. The taxi drivers were polite and proud of their offerings that they imparted to the visitor. The place was spanking-clean, the debris from the night market gone by dawn.

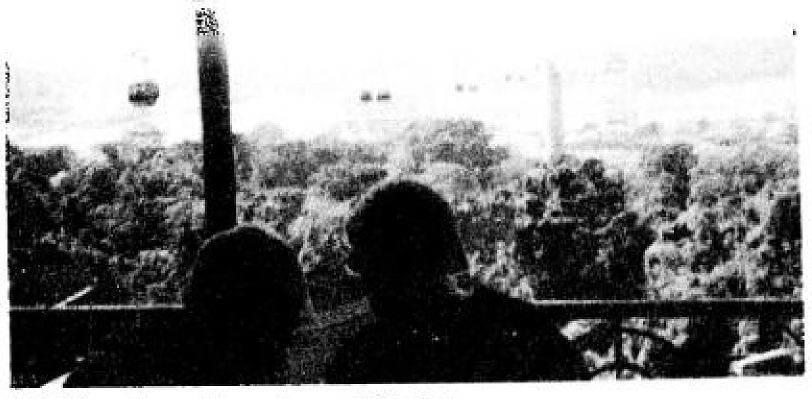
The people were disciplined, with fines hanging over their heads for almost every misdemeanor. In fact, a favorite souvenir is a T-shirt with a message saying that Singapore is a "fine city," with fines for littering, spitting, parking, loitering, smoking and what have you. Why, they even had a sense of humor!

From the moment tourists clear immigration (no hassle there) and deposit their luggage on free trolleys, the seduction begins.

How wonderful, we thought. Many of these things we Filipinos should emulate. Singapore's waters are clean and unpolluted, river cruises and dinners aboard refurbished Chinese junks are popular, and no one has to contend with the stench that exists in, say, Venice or Amsterdam.

Given the limited time we had, we chose Sentosa Island, which has several attractions, the Night Safari, and a China junk dinner cruise, apart from the free city tour.

> Our schedule was hectic. I wondered how the elderly and disabled would cope


VIEW from the cable car tower at Sentosa

We took a cable ride to Sentosa and returned by ferry—an ideal way to get a bird's eye view of the island playground plus Singapore's approach from the sea.

Sentosa has the Orchid Gardens, Volcano Land combining a horror scare attraction, Maritime Museum, Cinemania (an experiential theater), Fantasy Island, Fort Siloso, Butterfly Park, Underwater World, and a dolphin show.

We went through the last three—watching tropical butterflies flitting around in a controlled environment; walking through huge aquariums containing sharks, stingrays, decorative fish, dugong, and the very attractive sea dragon among 250 different species of aquatic creatures, and finally, witnessing pink dolphins perform by the sea in their natural environment.

Natural environment is also the guiding principle behind the popular Night Safari, touted to be the first and only kind in the world and open only from 6:30 p.m. until midnight. More than 1,200 animals roam freely in 40 hectares of jungle, and flash photography, which might scare them, is forbidden.

As the tram made its way around the zoo, it was almost magical to watch deer, rhino, tiger, leopard, *musang*, giraffe, and our very own endangered tarsier play and rest under creative night lighting, unmindful of our presence.

Our dinner cruise on a refurbished China junk was a delightful and restful way to enjoy a buffet dinner and the sights of the city from the sea.

Our schedule was, to say the least, hectic and tiring. Even our friend Malony, who is half our age, would collapse from exhaustion at the end of a day. We wondered: how would the elderly and the disabled cope with this grueling schedule? In a few more years, after all, we would be joining that sector.

Given Singapore's sophisticated approach to tourism, we decided to look for answers. While there seem to be developments in that direction, there is still apparently much to be done.

On Sentosa Island, only travel by ferry is recommended for those with mobility difficulties.

ON THE way to the dolphin show

Authorities admit in printed information that wheeling upon landing at Sentosa can be difficult. While free transportation is provided via monorail, bus, and beach train from one attraction to the next, one still has to climb steps in all three. To see the view from the cable car tower, one also has to climb steps.

The Night Safari is more accessible as one can wheel around to see the animals instead of riding the tram, but this can take hours. On the China junk, the disabled will have to be carried into the boat but after that, it should be no problem.

There is very limited access to department stores, cinemas, and concert halls, but Singapore does have toilets and the usual ramps for the disabled in most buildings.

Singapore has been working on what it calls barrier-free accessibility in building design that takes into consideration the elderly and the visually and physically handicapped. Perhaps the problem is that those over 65 make up only 7 percent of the population, and are not a priority? However, authorities do recognize that the majority of tourists from the United States and the Americas are retirees and would appreciate attention.

In various parts of the world, special attention is given to this sector that has money to burn and is willing to burn it. An organization called Wheelchair Tours Australia has specialized in various programs for tourists in Perth ever since the city hosted the Abilympics in 1995. Las Vegas leads the world in "disability tourism," where trolleys are designed to accommodate wheelchairs and disability information is plentiful. Anything to get the client to the gambling tables!

The Boston-based Alternative Leisure Co. has specialized in bringing the traveler to Broadway shows, dinners, cruises, and other tourist attractions complete with chaperone. Wheelchair Travel UK has for the past 21 years specialized in the same

We read somewhere that the Asia Pacific is the fastest growing tourism region in the world, and that by the year 2010 will be second only to Europe as a tourist destination. The tourism industry is ranked third most important sector in Singapore, and second in Hong Kong, Malaysia, and the Philippines but we really don't seem to be doing much about it. While tourist arrivals in Singapore have gone past the 7-million mark, we are still at a dismal 2 million.

Singapore recently unveiled its "Tourism 21," which is expected to turn the country into the tourism capital of the east. It has also entered into a marketing venture with Indonesia to jointly promote Bintan Island in Indonesia, and both countries have identified seven target markets in the United States, Europe and Asia where they will spend millions of dollars over the next two years to promote both destinations.

We certainly hope it will not forget the elderly and disabled in its ambitious plans.

Paddles up!

BY LIANA GARCELLANO

THE BCCG women's team in training

SINGAPORE—These water babies drool at the thought of getting into a boat with oar in hand. They swear that continuously stabbing the waters of the Kallang River until the boat glides smoothly is the height of fun.

My thoughts then were the exact opposite. But somehow my friend Louise Voss convinced me to go down to the Kallang Water Sports Centre on 10 Stadium Road (near the National Stadium) one Saturday afternoon last September.

Louise had been paddling with the British Chamber of Commerce Guinness (BCCG) dragon boat team since its inception. Her first competition was the International Business Community race held on June 3-4, 2000, at the Marina Bay, at which the BCCG placed second to the Canadians. The second was the 18th Singapore River Regatta at Boat Quay last November, from which the BCCG walked away with the bronze medal.

It was one of those lazy days when she turned to me and asked if I were interested in joining her for a paddle. I listened half-heartedly.

She spun her chair toward me and said: "Pretend you're in a boat with 10 other people. Push your hip to the edge of the boat while holding your paddle. The point is to lean forward with your left arm stretched forward. Don't lock your elbow. Now your right arm should quickly pull the oar up and the other arm should punch it forward immediately."

Holding the yellow-tipped neck of her illusory oar, her right arm diagonally in front of her and her left arm in a semi-right angle position, Louise proceeded to stab at the imaginary river. Her back and shoulders moved rhythmically with each jabbing motion.

My initial reaction started to change. It didn't look that difficult, and it would be something different from my usual step aerobics at the California Fitness Centre.

Coach and Cox

Anthony Quah hardly struck me as the drill-sergeant type. And then we hit the waters, and he barked, "Paddlers, ready! *Awas* (On alert)!" I cringed upon hearing his voice, and the thought "Darth Vader reincarnated!" instantly crossed my mind.

Tall, lean but muscular, Anthony is an ex-rower of the Singapore National Team and has been teaching people how to dragon paddle for more than 20 years. He doesn't mince words in telling you if your rowing style is out of sync. He does this while walking up and down the boat, here and there adjusting a grip on the paddle or straightening a crooked arm. Occasionally, he gives you a massage that seems to be a cross between a hard pinch and a grip.

But Anthony does help you learn to overcome the greatest difficulty in dragon boating—mental fatigue.

"You must be mentally prepared!" he'd shout from where he ended up in his walkabout. "Fatigue is all in the mind. You shouldn't give up paddling even when your arm is ready to give up." His battle cry echoes throughout the two-hour session. It eventually becomes a mantra you mumble under your breath every time you get in the boat.

Anthony's coaching dovetails with the skilled maneuvering of the boat by his Cox Tang Sow Ying, better known as SY.

SY is a physical education teacher in a public school in Singapore. Like Anthony's, her diminutive and lean figure belies what people would naturally assume as fragility. But just watch her adroitly (and powerfully!) propelling the boat through the crowded waters on a Saturday afternoon. She's got the booming voice to match the jaw-dropping strength as she yells, "Watch the timing! Look at the person diagonally opposite you!" That's mantra No. 2 to whisper while completing the first circuit of 60 strokes.

Back on shore, Anthony and SY assume their reticent mien. She sits by the docking bay and patiently waits for the loo traffic to lighten up. He puts back the paddles in the stock room before taking a swig of his Isotonic drink. (He leaves the Guinness guzzling to the English.)

The captains

The BCCG's first captain was Jason Hawkins. He established the team in April 2000 with the assistance of the British Chamber of Commerce and the sponsorship of Guinness. In August 2000, he turned over the helm to compatriot Alex Voss, who, as the crew would attest, catapulted the team to success.

BCCG treasurer Karen Preston attributes the success factor to Alex's highly entertaining weekly e-mails to crewmembers. I chalk it up to his overall graciousness and equanimity. Keeping a mix of paddlers from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Singapore and the Philippines together is one tall order.

Captain Alex does have his hands full. Apart from getting the Saturday training session off shore, he moonlights as team logo designer and social activity supervisor. Every so often the team is off to Next Page on Mohammed Sultan for a little cut on the rag (Carnegie's on Telok Ayer is another popular venue), or fish and chips at Harry Ramsden off Kallang Road.

Regatta 2000

The Singapore River Regatta is an annual event organized by the Singapore Dragon Boat Association for both Singaporean and expatriate teams.

The BCCG's preparation for the 2000 event entailed adding a weekday of paddling to the Saturday session. Training was a little more intense as rest periods in between strokes became less frequent and the distances paddled became longer.

The training centered on getting the timing together, with each rower pulling up the oar and promptly punching forward for the next thrust into the water. Timing can only be perfect—neither too fast nor too slow—in conjunction with a precise application of the paddle technique called the "catch." A good catch is achieved with the top arm's deliberate and powerful drive downward into the water. A unified catch in the boat is vital in attaining speed during a regatta.

Alongside this was developing team stamina. The Singapore River Regatta covers a distance of 300 meters, which translates to two minutes of continuous paddling (or 150 strokes).

On race day, we discovered that we missed one aspect of training—getting into the boat! The steps at Boat Quay were slippery and clambering across boats to get to your boat proved a formidable task as the boats were swaying from side to side.

Day 1 was a sight. River-drenched paddlers were climbing out of the boats, new paddlers were getting into their boat, spectators were cheering for their chosen team, and others were queuing for their life vests at the other end of the Quay.

But spotting the BCCG team amid the throng was easy. Only the BCCG and the Australian teams had pitched tents as headquarters (a.k.a. grub-and-beer storage room) during the two-day competition. The black Guinness caps and shirts were of great help, too.

I was selected to enter two heats—the women's race and the mixed B-boat. In the first, we were up against the Singaporean and Canadian teams. It was the first race of the newly formed BCCG women's team. Let's just say it was good paddling considering that we didn't get to practice as a team only until a few weeks before the race.

The existence of the B boat is another feather in Alex's cap. Earlier, putti enough paddlers on the A-boat was itself difficult. But most of the paddl in the B-boat had only paddled once twice, which accounted for our sligh off timing. Still, there were achie ments—our determination to succeec the 2001 regatta and, ahem, the frie ships forged.

The paddlers in the A-boat were m experienced. They qualified for the fi heat on Day 2. The race was so cl that results weren't released right aw Finally, we learned that the BCCG had placed third behind the Australian and Canadian teams. The time difference among the three boats was only one-tenth of a second!

Penang

The BCCG is heading to Malaysia for the 23rd Penang International Dragon Boat Festival 2001 at Mengkuang Lake on June 16-17. It will compete in two races—the inter-mixed and the ladies open.

It'll be the team's international debut in competitive dragon boating. The distance is much longer at 800 meters (three-and-a-half minutes of paddling, or 250-300 strokes).

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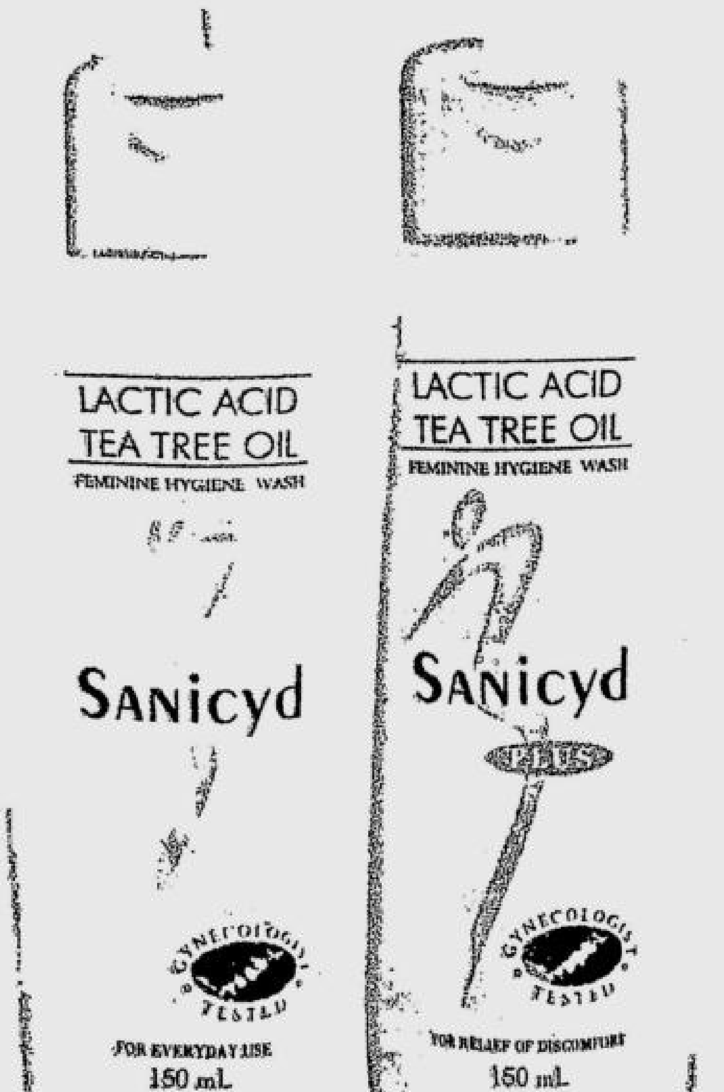
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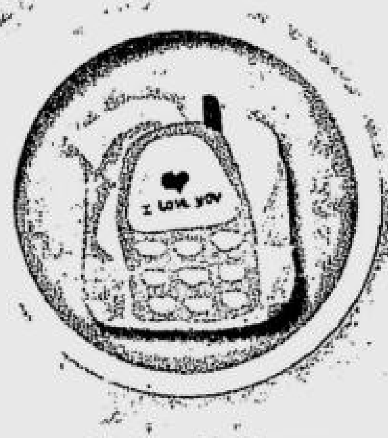

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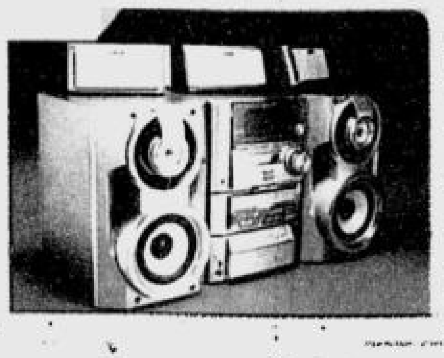

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Weddings, Engagements

Patrick Rosas highlights Charlene Gonzales' natural elegance

BY MARGE C. ENRIQUEZ
PHOTOS BY CHITO VECINA

TOMORROW is Charlene Gonzales' most beautiful day in her life. She'll be dressed in Joe Salazar's gown, shod in Lila Almario's silk slingbacks (low-heeled so she can be as tall as Aga Muhlach) and primmed by makeup artist Patrick Rosas. Rosas acquired a new set of palettes for her which are in earth tones.

"Her look is super natural with a touch of elegance to complement Salazar's gown," says Rosas. While traveling to Europe last May, he got Francois Nars' palette, a warm-toned mixture of browns with hints of yellow and orange.

The most important thing about bridal makeup is that the bride should look herself, only more stunning and glowing. Even if she's makeup shy, her features need more definition so that her face isn't washed out in the photographs or videos. Besides, what bride would want to be eclipsed by a stylish guest?

To get the perfect bridal makeup doesn't happen just before the bride dons her gown. Rosas, one of the most sought-after makeup artists, gets bookings for weddings a year ahead. There's a lot of preparation that goes into bridal makeup.

Most brides choose makeup artists based on recommendations or fashion pictorials in publications. Bridal shows, conducted in hotels in May and June, offer services of beauty professionals. Rosas recently conducted a two-day workshop, sponsored by Lancôme, for his clients. Some wondered why the need for the workshop since they're going to have a trial session just before the wedding.

In the workshop, Rosas explained how to get ready for the special day and presented the various color harmonies that suited the bride. Clients watched makeover demonstrations in hair and makeup. He introduced the "personal trend," which determines the bride's skin tone and the right makeup colors to achieve the appropriate intensity and look.

Rosas favors four color palettes to choose from. The soft look uses either light or iridescent colors. This also goes well with mature clients such as sponsors and mothers. The classic look, which most brides prefer, including Gonzales, features the earth tones and lips in red or coral. This augurs well with the makeup-shy bride. The young look uses trendy colors such as Lancôme's Pink Splash or bright eye shadows and lip gloss. The strong look specializes in black and metallic colors such as gold, silver, bronze and cop-

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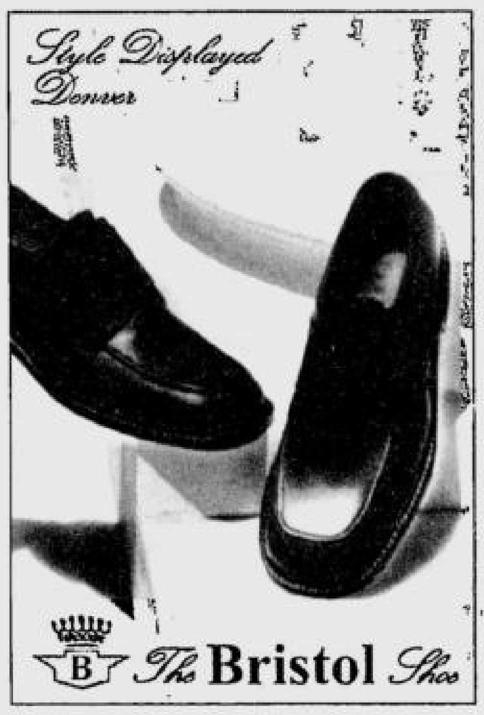

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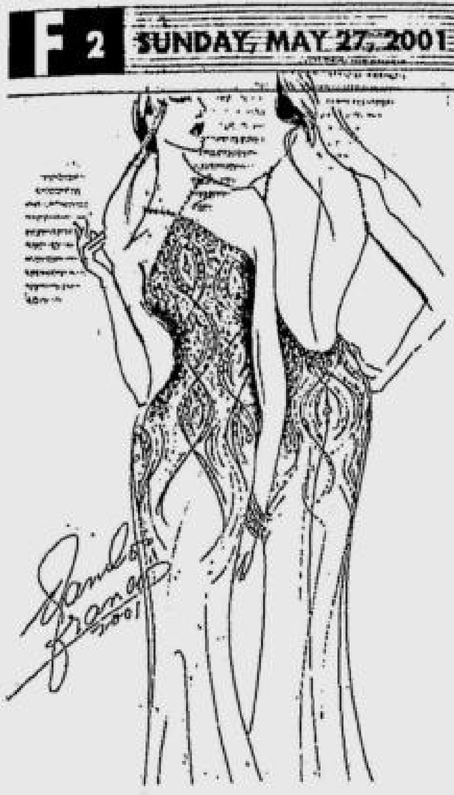

GUTIERREZ DEBUT

April Gutierrez, daughter of **Ted** and **Cynthia Gutierrez**, celebrated her 18th birthday on April 21 at the Palawan Ballroom, Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Hotel. She wore a **Danilo Franco** creation—a haltered gown with a serpentine silhouette done in ombré blue chiffon lined in matching ombré blue silk. An undulating pattern on the bodice and torso was traced with silver and multishades of blue cut beads and crystals. The back dropped to a deep cut below the waist. Flowers by Flower Express.

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Nick and **Glo Torrefranca** celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on April 19 at the San Antonio de Padua Parish, San Antonio Village, Antipolo City.

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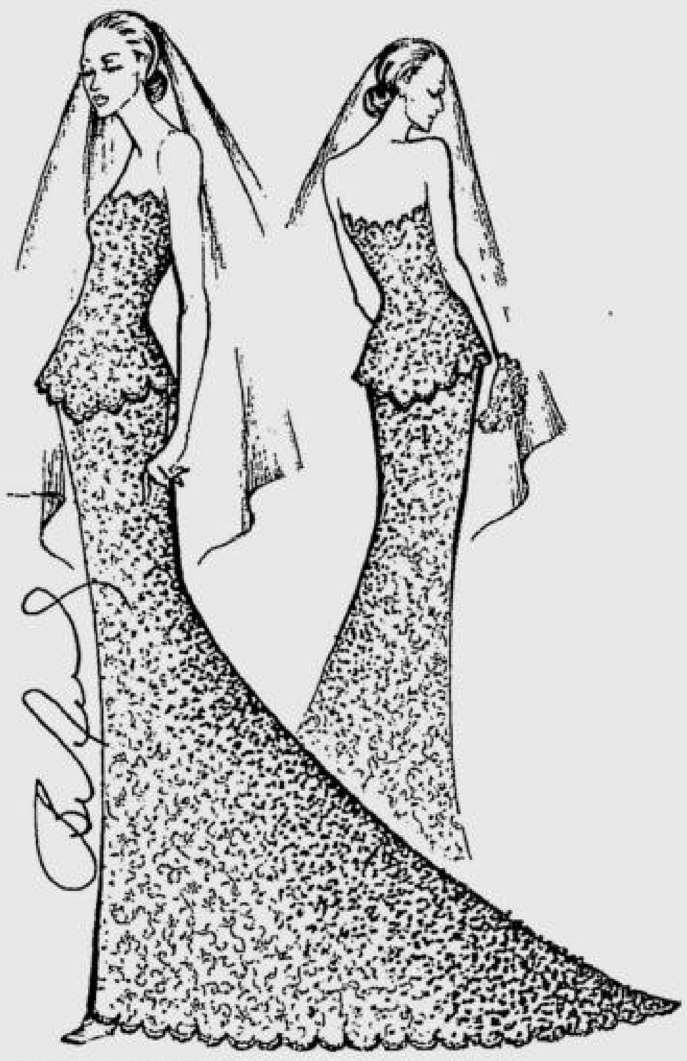

TORCUATO-BAUTISTA

Jude Michael Torcuato, son of **Benjamin** and **Mary Eleanor Torcuato**, and **Maria Patricia Bautista**, daughter of **Bienvenido** and **Roswinda Bautista**, have exchanged vows on May 26 at the Shrine of Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life, Central Business Park, Reclamation Area, Pasay City Reception will follow at Rizal Ballroom Makati Shangri-La Hotel. Ben Farrales designed the bridal gown and the entourage.

SUNGA WEDDING

Joel and **Cherry** exchanged vows on Jan. 14 at the St. Augustine's Church in South San Francisco. Reception was held at the Carnelian Room in San Francisco, California.

SANDOVAL-CAJUCOM

Alexander Santos Sandoval, son of **Emiliano** and **Epifania Sandoval** of Caridad Village, Cabanatuan City will exchange vows with **Roselle Leganson Cajucom**, daughter of **Corazon Leganson vda. De Cajucom** of San Josef Norte, Cabanatuan City on June 2 at St. Nicholas de Tolentino Cathedral, Cabanatuan City. Reception will follow at Guadalajara, St. Patrick 1900, Zulueta St., Cabanatuan City.

ABUAN-ALMIROL

Don Rhoederick Castillo Abuan, son of **Aurora Castillo vda. De Abuan**, and **Pamela Brioso Almirol**, daughter of **Teodorico** and **Ofelia Almirol**, will exchange vows on June 9 at St. Pancratius Chapel, Paco Park. Reception follows at the Executive Plaza Ballroom, Executive Plaza Hotel, Ermita, Manila. Susie Rigonan designed the wedding gown.

NOEL-AVES

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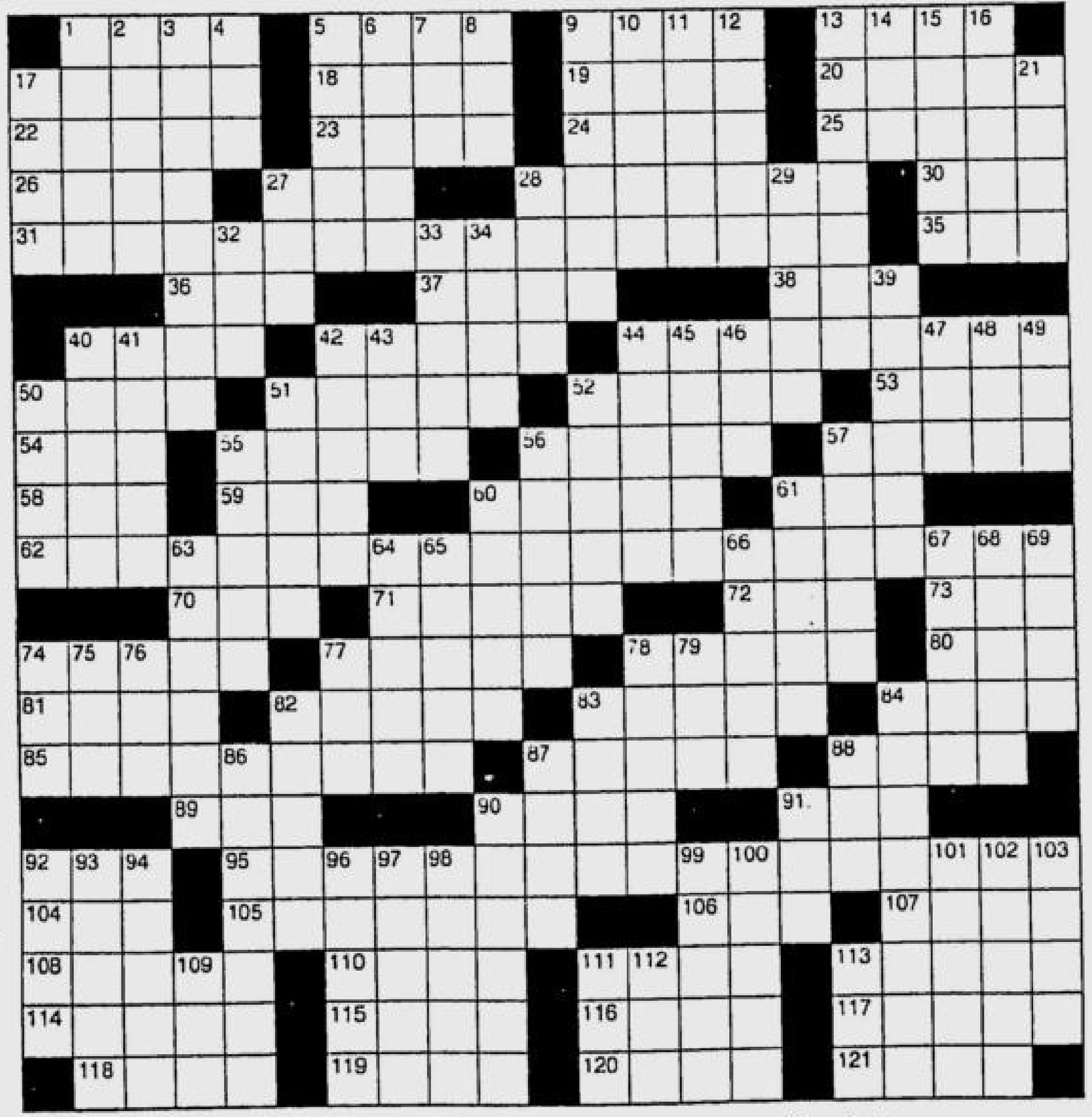

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53 Lillian or Dorothy
54 Ivy Leaguer
55 Fancy dessert
56 First dog in space
57 Where cats congregate
58 Pie — mode
59 Lofty peak
60 Distribute the donuts
61 Keats composition
62 Middle of remark
70 Born
71 '87 Peace Prize winner
72 Solidify
73 "— Shook Up" ('57 smash)
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77 Colossal commotion
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80 Where rams romp
81 Bus starter?
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A love too strong to die

ON DEC. 30, 2000, Zosimo and Anita de la Cuesta of Fremont, California, celebrated 25 years of marriage. The event commenced with a renewal of vows at the Holy Spirit Church and continued into the night with a reception at the Mirage Ballroom. Almost 300 relatives and friends joined them as they recognized the true power of their love.

The night's affair served as more than an anniversary celebration for it showed the reunification of both the bride and groom's families. Ever since Zosimo and Anita left their hometown of Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, for the United States, they have rarely seen many of their families. In Zosimo's case, his brother Andy and sister Vangie have lived near him in California for years, but [illegible] has continued to live in Sarrat. Lilia came to the US for the first time just to partake in this special event and retake the same spot she had 25 years ago as the original maid of honor.

On Anita's end, her family was always widely spread, with her in California, brother Jun in Alaska, sister Aida in Nevada and both brothers, Eddie and Lano, in the Philippines. But all of them came together, along with most of the original wedding entourage from 1975.

All in all the event was memorable, complete with speeches from the couple's two children Zaldy and Suzanne, who expressed the underlying theme of their marriage—that not only was their love strong enough to keep them together, it was strong enough to insp[illegible] all wh[illegible] want to do the same.

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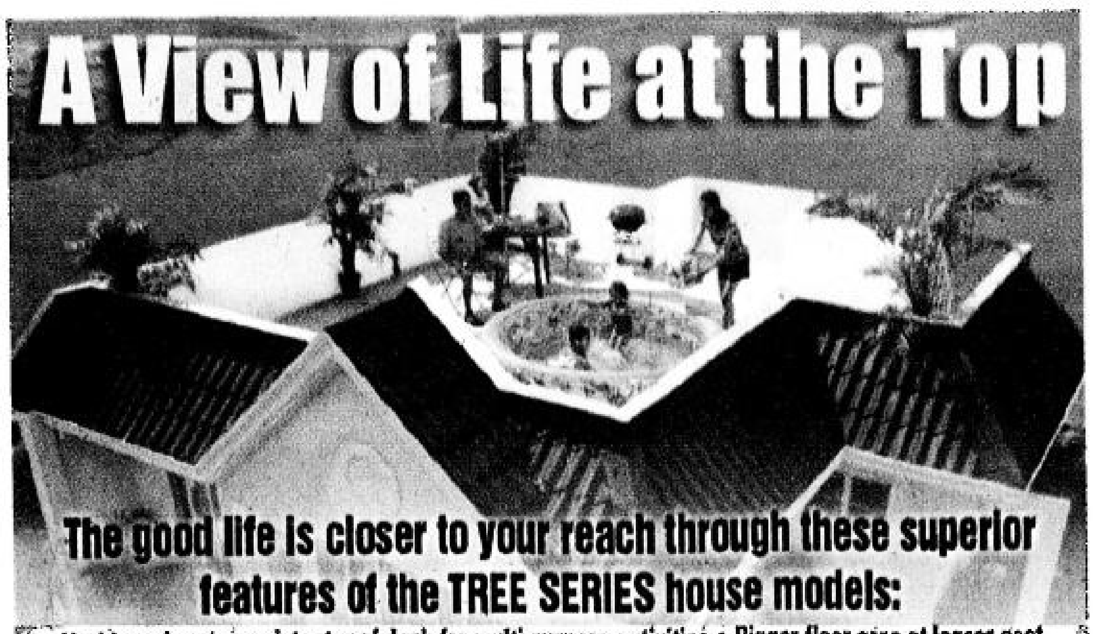

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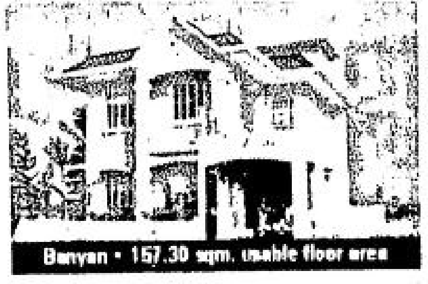
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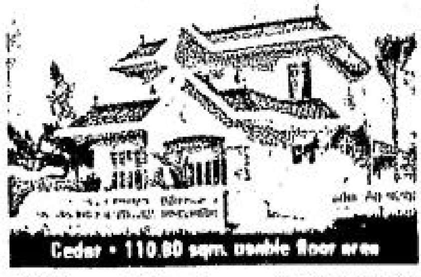
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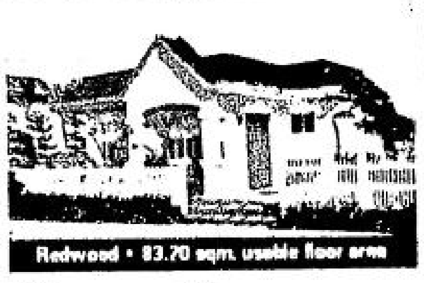
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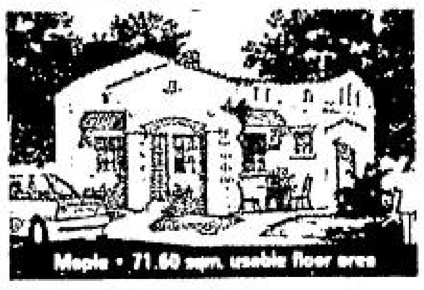
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Chicken Pork Adobo *a la Lea and Perrins*

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1/2 kilo pork liempo, cut into large cubes
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2 cloves macerated garlic
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1/2 cup native vinegar
1 cup soup stock or water
2 tbsps. soy sauce
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Put the whole marinated mixture in a saucepan over medium heat and cook without stirring. Let it boil first then stir. Simmer until chicken is done and some sauce had evaporated.

Take out the chicken and continue simmering. Add soup stock until pork is tender to the touch and sauce is beginning to thicken.

Put back the chicken and finish cooking over low heat until pork begins to shed some fat and the chicken becomes brown.

Remove from fire, take out the bay leaves and serve hot.

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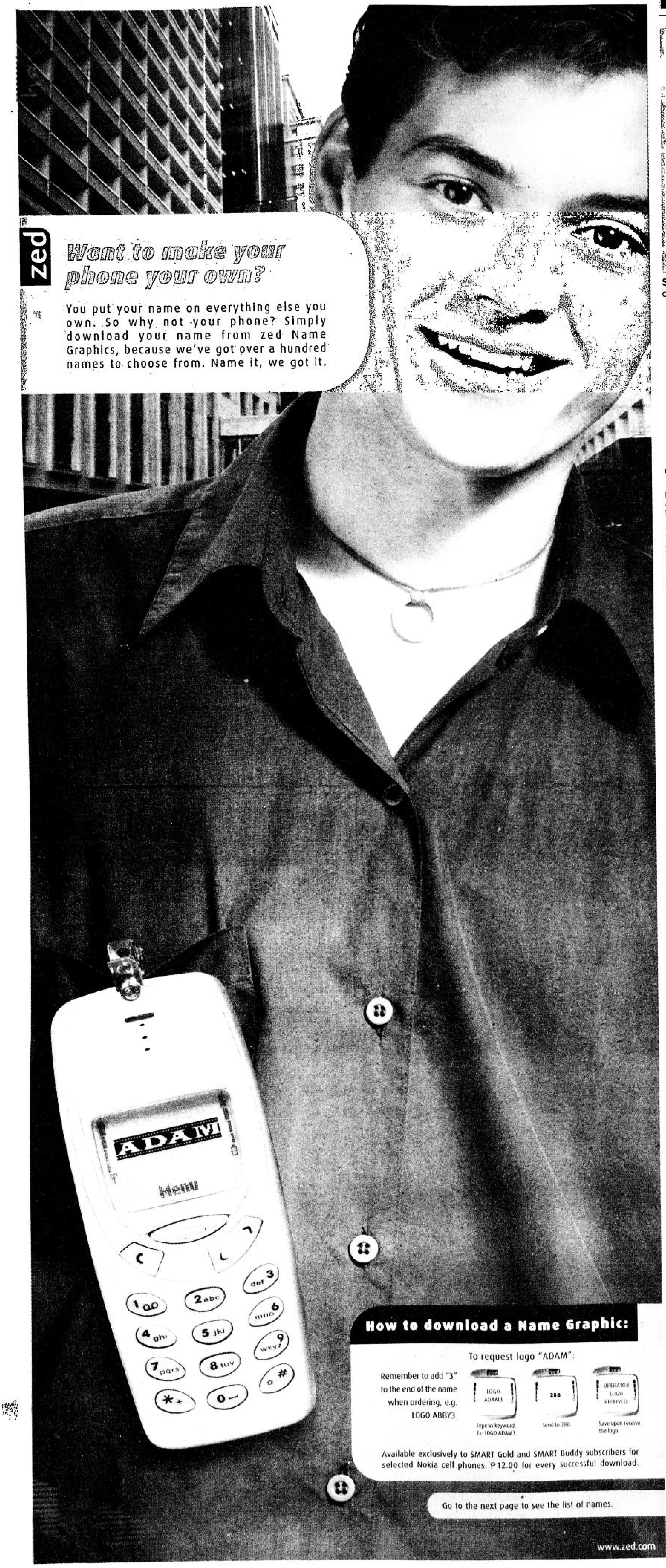

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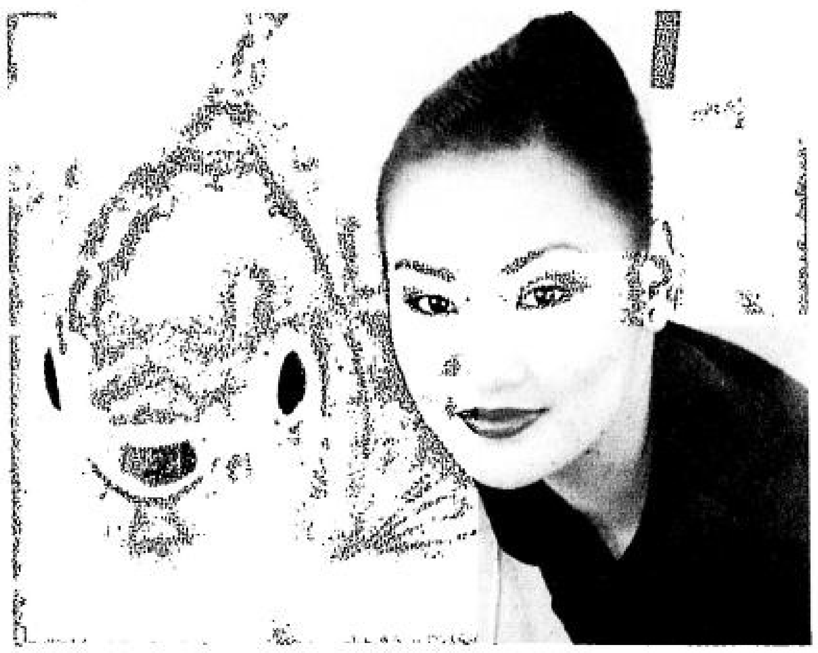

SOFT MAKEUP. Iridescent eye shadow is contrasted by a strong lip color.

Patrick Rosas highlights Charlene Gonzales' natural elegance

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per. This complements Asian features and is requested by fashion-forward brides.

During the workshop, Rosas used Lancôme's summer forecast, Pink Splash. The makeup colors were bright and soft for the modern look, yet were contrasted with classic earth tones. The look was complemented by sophisticated, piled-up hairstyles.

Rosas is known for getting the right

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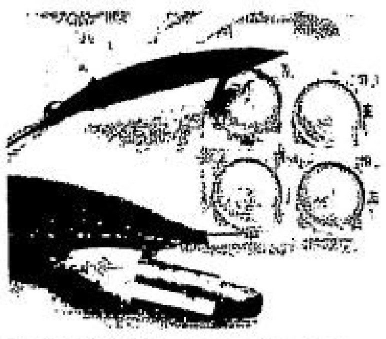
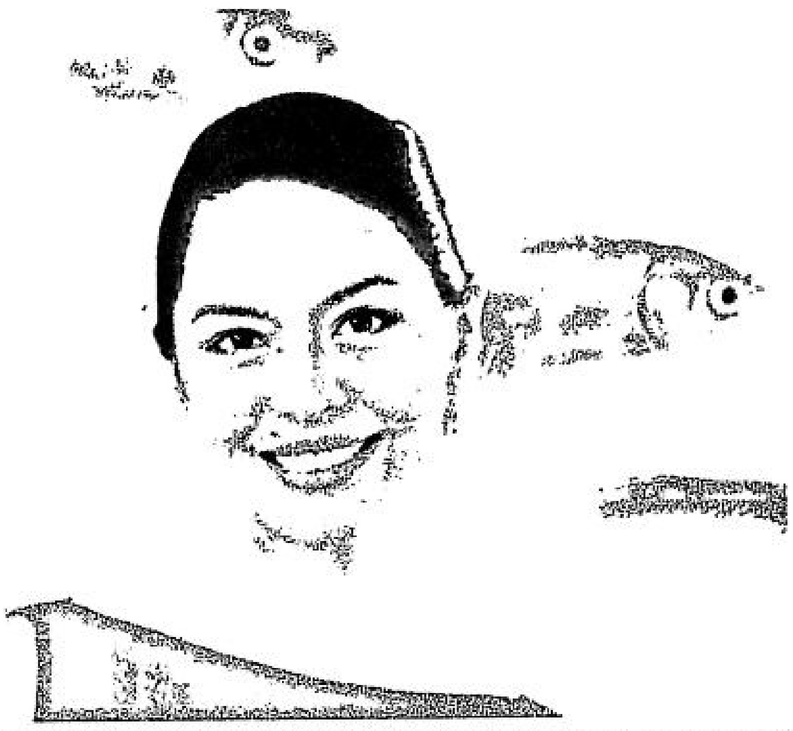
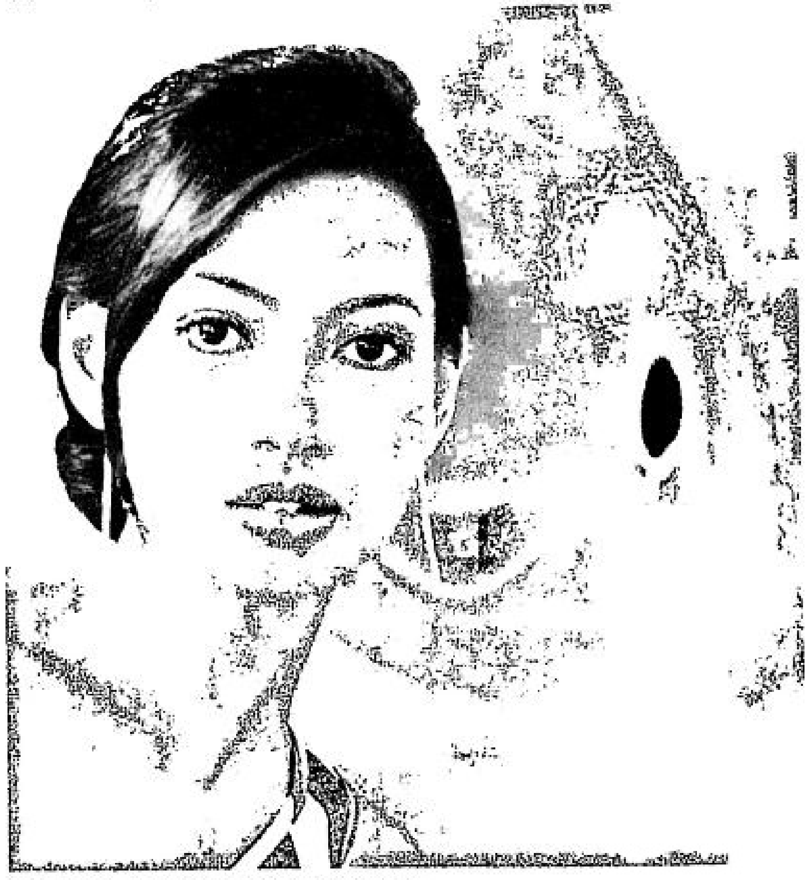


LANCÔME'S palette of pastel colors for the soft look



CLASSIC MAKEUP WITH A TWIST. Brown eye shadow is complemented by pink. The lip color is soft.



STRONG. Metallic colors for the eyes

TRENDY. Bold eye colors and a glossy mouth augur well for an Oriental face. The model wears Lancôme's Pink Splash makeup.

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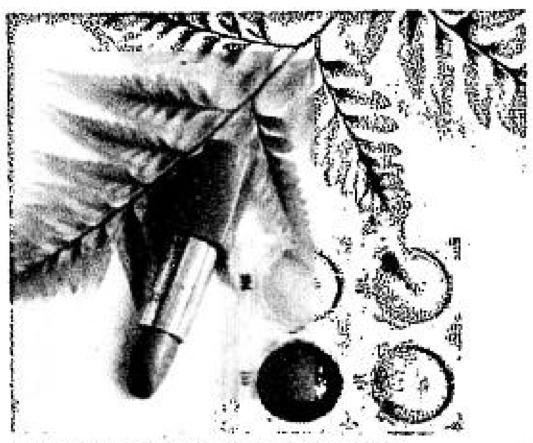
The most important thing about bridal makeup is that the bride looks herself, only more stunning and glowing

METALLIC colors for the strong look



EARTH colors for the makeup-shy

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foundation for the bride. It's never too dark or too pale. He also advises the bride to be conscientious about her skin-care program. He tells her to avoid eating salty foods to prevent puffiness in the eyes and cheeks.

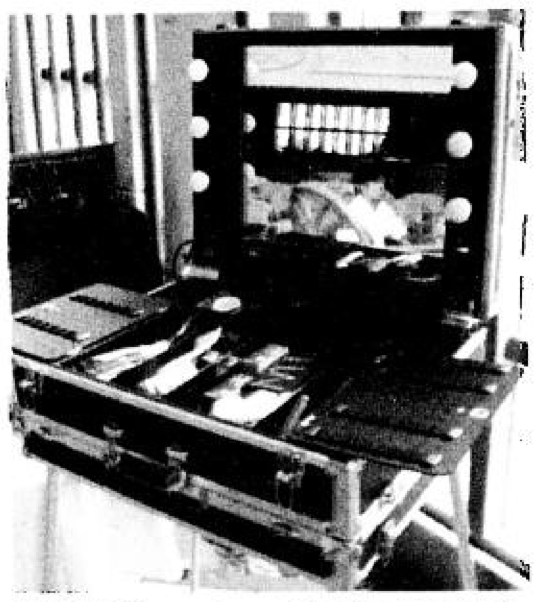
On the day of the wedding, her skin should ideally be flawless and should provide a good surface for other products to adhere to. The foundation is a light coverage to make the skin even-toned and to keep the rest of the makeup intact.

"The artistry lies in the makeup base. Color is secondary," says Rosas.

In a trial session, Rosas tests the products on the client, fills out a face chart and also uses his digital camera or Polaroid to guarantee that the look is the same on the wedding day. He and his client figure out the right hairstyles and use the accessories that will be worn with her gown.

The hair and makeup must to be approved by no less than the future husband. Rosas had experiences when the mother approved of the look but the groom didn't. After all, the bride is marrying the man, not her mother.

He also tries on different looks on the bride if there are other occasions leading to the wedding such as the bridal shower or in Chinese weddings, a succession of banquets.



PATRICK Rosas always totes his makeup bag, replete with lights, compartments and a stand.

Negotiations are discussed such as rates, depending on the size of the party, travel fees or incentives, if necessary. "Some brides are *sigurista*," says Rosas. They give downpayments several months up to a year before the wedding.

On the wedding day, Rosas arrives several hours beforehand to ease up the bride's tension. He gives her moral support when she gets the jitters. These are the little agendas of a makeup artist. The relationship between the artist and the bride is more than skin deep.

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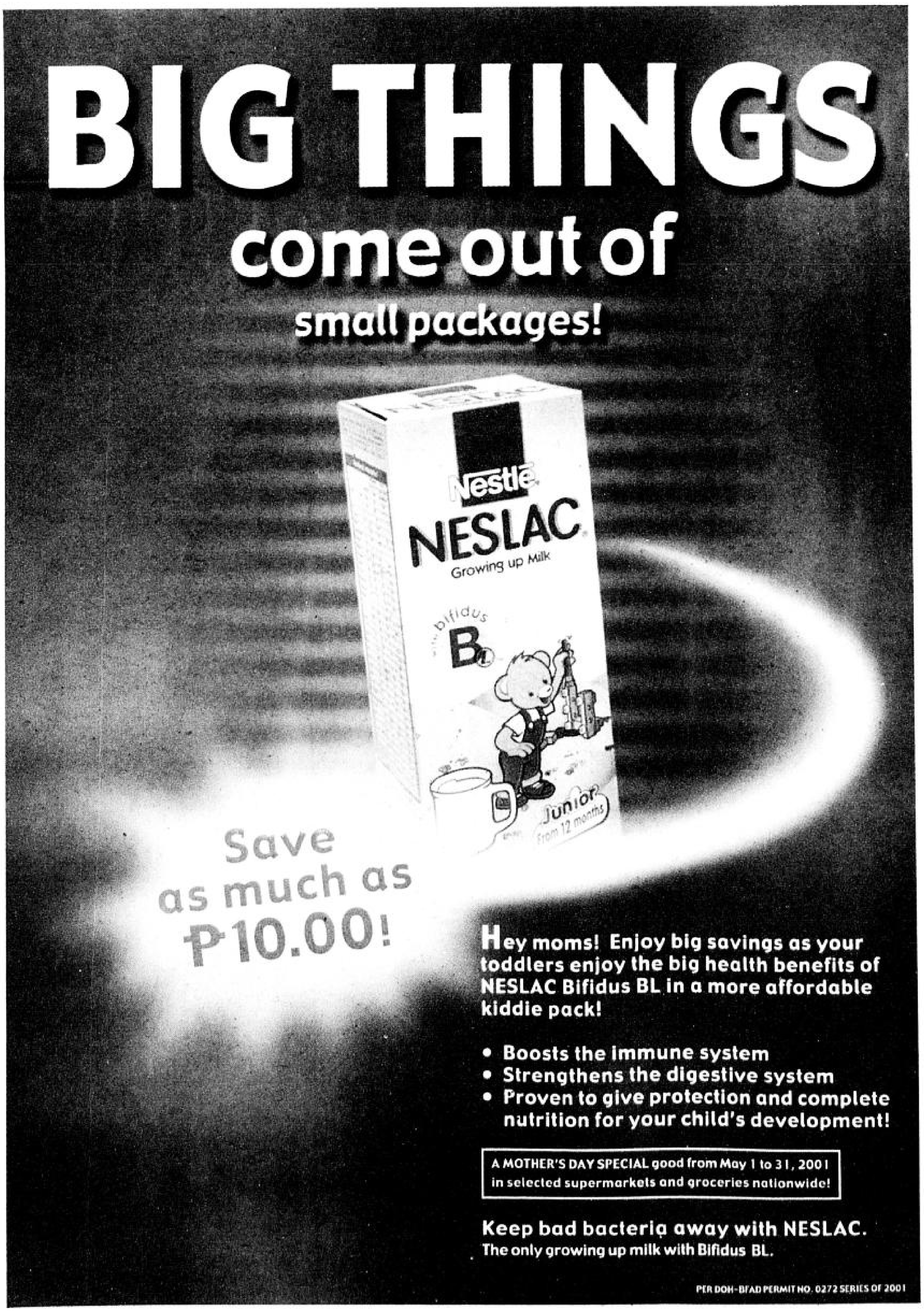

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JOE Salazar's trademarks are the three-dimensional tactile work that creates an ethereal effect. To highlight Charlene's assets, the bosom is adorned with tips of boa feathers, pink silk petals and Swarovski crystals, rhinestones and cut beads.

Charlene Gonzales blooms in a Joe Salazar creation

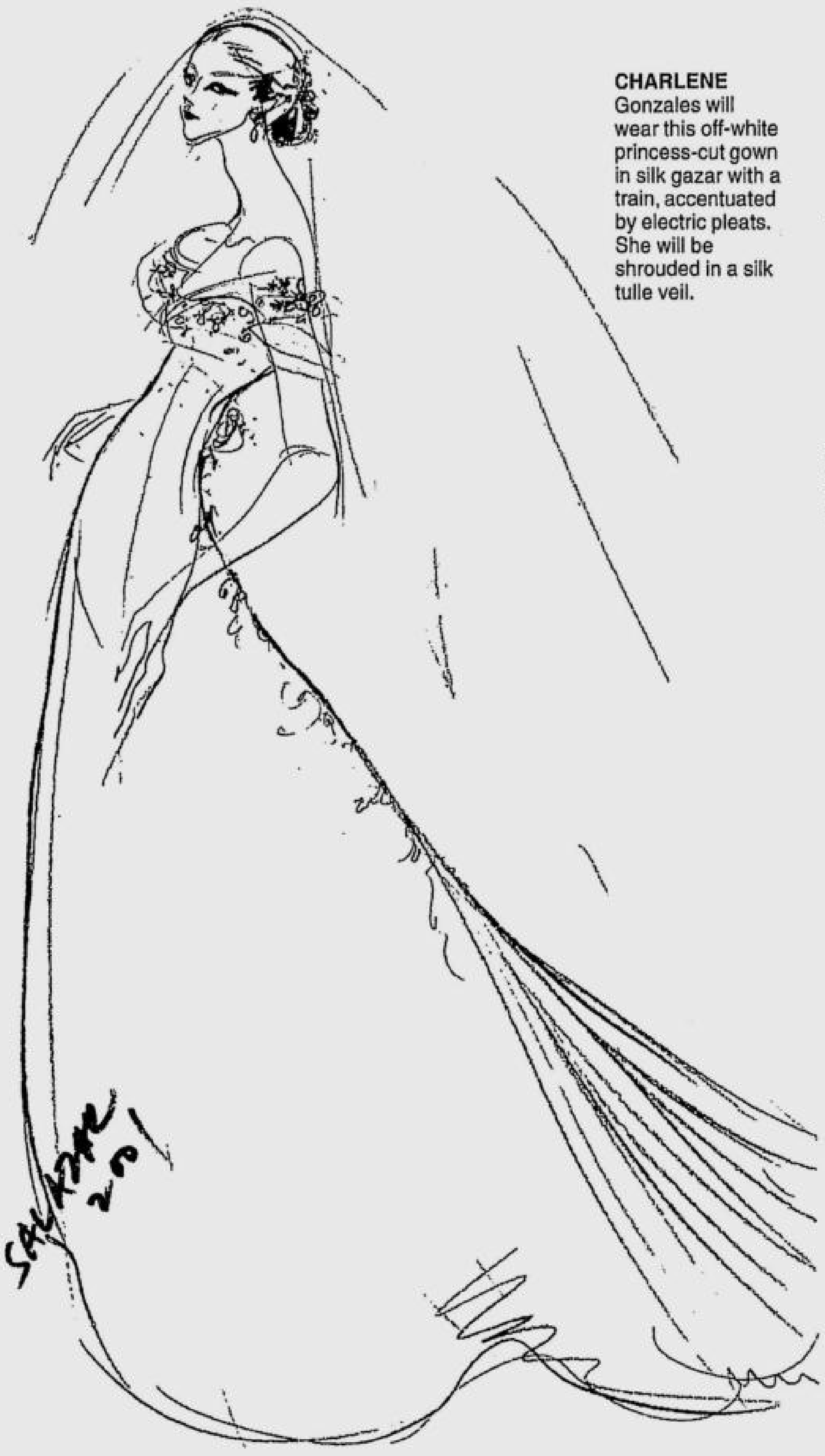
FLUTED fabrics around the bosom and sleeves give the illusion of rose petals.

PHOTOS BY CHITO VECINA

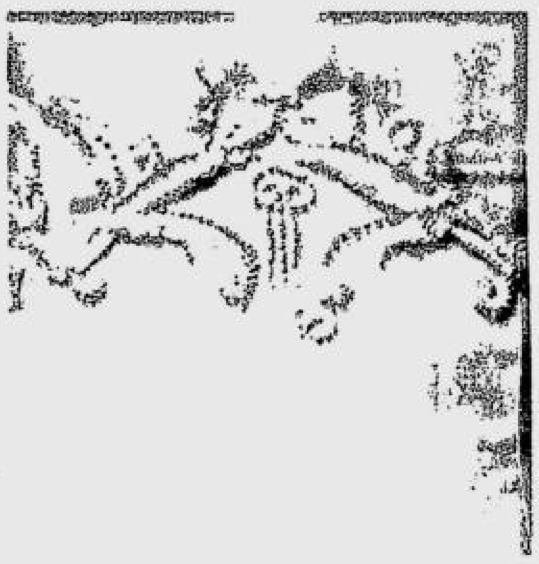
DESIGNER Joe Salazar knows that clothes are more than just a physical outline, they also have to stir you emotionally.

Envisioning Charlene Gonzales as a rose in a garden, he made a tailored gown with petal sleeves. Salazar knows that his celebrity client will be photographed from every angle. He created interesting details around the silk gown by using detailed embroidery and passementerie.

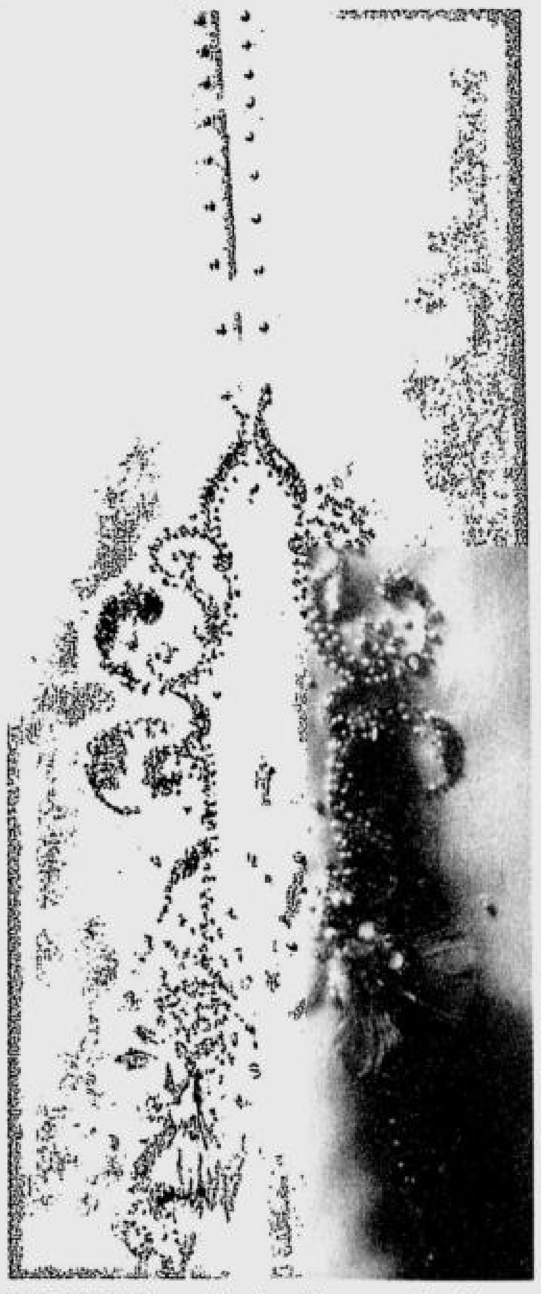
"She wanted simple lines, and nothing too sexy," says Salazar. Just like the personality of the bride.



CHARLENE Gonzales will wear this off-white princess-cut gown in silk gazar with a train, accentuated by electric pleats. She will be shrouded in a silk tulle veil.



VINE patterns, made from cut beads, accentuate the high bodice.



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She's losing her biggest crush ever

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I'm 15 years old and I really need your help. I met this guy on an Internet chatroom last November. He's the sweetest guy I've ever known so when he asked for my number, I gave it to him.

He was very honest with me, but I was not to him. I told him I was 19, and I kept saying I will give him my picture although I don't have the intention because he'd see I lied about my age. I also avoided his call and had the maids tell him I was out every time he rang. We had a petty quarrel because of that, but we made up soon.

One day, though, it was my mom who answered his call and she asked if he knew how old I was. "Yes, ma'am. She's 19," he said, because that was what I told him. So mom told him I'm just 15. He immediately e-mailed me and asked how I could do that to him, especially now, he said, that he's fallen for me. When I did not write back, he called me up but I cut the line when I heard it was him.

On his third call, he said, "Will you please talk to me?" So I talked to him and I explained. He told me he's not mad and it made me real happy. So we were close again, and he would call me "baby" while I would call him "*kuya*." He asked for my picture again, though, but I couldn't give him one because he'd see my pimples (grrr!) so I didn't reply for a month.

The problem is that in the meantime, my mom had our phone number changed, and I can't give it to him or I'd be in trouble. Then he had his e-mail address changed and he stopped writing me, and soon he might not be able to write me again since I'm on Edsamail, which will be expiring soon, so he won't know my new address while I don't know his new one. He knows my cell phone number, but he doesn't have a cell phone.

***Tita*, I'm lost and hurt by what's happening. What will I do? I want to forget him, but out of my 30 *boylets*, he's the one I have loved the most and I'm losing him. Help!**

WHISPER

Right now, my dear, you can moon, moan, rant and rave, but nothing you do will change the situation. Only your cell phone number links you and him now, which means that your communication can only be reestablished one way: He has to call you. It can't be the other way around. So the best thing to do now is for you to stay calm and to wait for developments.

Actually, things are not as bad as they look, even if, assuming the worst, he never calls you again. If you ask me, that scenario would be the worst only if the two of you, right now, truly love each other. I'm betting, however, that you don't.

As I've argued several times before, I don't believe one can really be in love with another person whom she knows only on the basis of his letters or his e-mails, or his pictures or his phone calls. When your knowledge of the other person is based only on such impressions, then you can't be in love with him; you can only be impressed by him.

It is only when you've known more about him and you liked most of what you saw that love may come in. But until then, it helps to keep reminding yourself you're only impressed or you've only got a big crush on him.

And isn't it quite possible that that was what he had for you, too, a big crush? After all, he knows you (as you know him) only as impressions in him.

So, *hija*, if worse comes to worse and the two of you never got in touch again, what would have each of you lost? Not love. Just impressions, just a crush or, as you said, another *boylet*.

Don't get me wrong, though. I'm not saying all these to belittle your feelings. Your feelings are real and honest and beautiful. The only setback is that if you don't put them in a better perspective, those same feelings could hurt you bad and affect other important parts of life like your studies.

What I want you to see, my dear, is that no matter how bad this situation turns out to be, it won't be the worst thing that could happen to you. It can't be the worst because, even when your relationship with him was going fine, it wasn't the best. And it wasn't the best because it wasn't love. Not yet, anyway.

Right now, what's wreaking havoc in your heart and mind is not love but just your youth. It was your youth, for instance, which made you promise to him you'll send him your photo even when you know in your heart you'll never do so because your pimples would show.

My dear, when your pimples prevent you from being honest to the sweetest guy you've ever met, that means you are old enough to see a dermatologist but you are still young for a serious relationship.

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A good shepherd feeds his flock and protects them from danger

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THE GOOD shepherd is one of the best lessons in our daily lives. The good shepherd begins with the creation of God in the Old Testament and continues in our world today.

In the Bible, the shepherd is a parable. It is also a metaphor and an image of the spiritual activity of God our Father. In the Old Testament, the sheep were a very cultural experience and very popular among the Jews. The Jews emphasized their care of the sheep in their lives.

he good shepherd is supremely concerned with what is good for the sheep. He feeds the sheep, gives them what they need and protects them from danger. He also trains the sheep on how to live a good life. It manifests the good shepherd of God our father, of Jesus our brother in the New Testament, and of the Holy Spirit in our contemporary world.

God gives us strength

The Psalmist in Psalm 23 says that God is our Shepherd. The Psalmist says I have everything I need because of God our Shepherd. He gives me new strength and guides me in the right path of life as He has promised us. In other words, God the Shepherd takes good care of us just as we take care of our animals.

A nice song also says: "Like a shepherd God feeds his flock and gathers his sheep in his arms. He holds his sheep carefully close to His heart and leads them home to holiness for themselves and also to be good shepherds for others."

Jesus gives life for His sheep

It is also very clear in the New Testament that Jesus is a Good Shepherd. St. John's Gospel talks about the Good Shepherd of Jesus. John says that Jesus told His disciples of the parable, the metaphor and the image of the Good Shepherd. In his Gospel, John said that Jesus said to them: "I tell you most solemnly that I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd is one who gives his life for his sheep. I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me just as God the Father is the Good Shepherd who knows me and I also know him.

St. John also quotes a very nice thought on the Good Shepherd. Jesus says: "Alleluia. I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and I take care of them. I hope that they will also know me and be Good Shepherds, too. Alleluia! Alleluia!" Jesus also said: "My sheep hear my voice all the time. I give them holiness and eternal life and they shall never perish in spiritual life. No one can ever take my sheep out of my hand and my love and care for them since I am a Good Shepherd."

Taking care of people

We also need many other shepherds to take care of people who are like sheep in our contemporary world. Theologians tell us that our priests must be good shepherds in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Our sisters should also be good shepherds, and theologians say that all those who get married must be good shepherds and take care of their family. In our jobs and in politics there is also a need for good shepherds. It is also good that those we elect and those who are politicians will be good shepherds.

Made for love

The Jesuit Good Shepherd Song says: "We are made to be shepherds and to be of service and care for all men and women. We are made for love both time and again! God sent his Son to show us the way to be shepherds. Life can be so empty when nobody cares to be a shepherd. But if men and women give themselves to be shepherds and to help others, the happiness and holiness of the Good Shepherd of God and Jesus will continue to live within our world."

Therefore, let us pray to be Good Shepherds in that familiar song of ours. "Here I am, Lord. It is I who am your sheep, Lord! I have heard you calling me to follow you as one of your sheep. I will go, Lord, when you lead me as my shepherd. I will also be a good shepherd, Lord, for all the sheep who are my friends and all those who need me."

Pay for books, supplies on installment

TO HELP parents cope with school expenses, Citibank recently launched PayLite Back-to-School Fiesta. Ongoing until July 31, cardholders can avail of Citibank PayLite Installment Plan for a minimum purchase of P5,000 at PowerBooks, National Bookstore, Goodwill Bookstore and Office 1 Superstore branches nationwide.

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Shopping hassle-free through the NBS catalog

BACK-TO-SCHOOL shopping can sometimes be a tedious task. The exasperation of moving from section to section of the store amid a mob of people as you struggle to find all the items on your list is only one portion of the endeavor. There's still the waiting in line for hours plus making sure that you get everything in just one trip so it won't be necessary to go back and brave the crowds or wait in line again.

This school year, National Bookstore helps ease those school shopping blues with their Back-to-School, Back to National Bookstore Catalog. Following the success of last year's Christmas Catalog, NBS brings hassle-free shopping to its customers once again.

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20 Little Red Schoolhouses now dot the countryside

TWENTY of the country's most isolated barrios from as far north in Cagayan Valley to south in General Santos now share one thing in common—a new schoolhouse.

Coca-Cola Foundation Phils. Inc. (CCFPI), a corporate foundation devoted to helping improve the country's educational infrastructure, recently officially turned over to the government its 20th Little Red Schoolhouse in Isabela.

By the end of next year, there will be 50 of such schoolhouses, which are intentionally situated in areas that stand little chance of having a permanent, government-funded schoolhouse.

To date, the schools are in Cagayan Valley (Piat and Buguey), Isabela (Angadanan and Benito Soliven), Quezon (Unisan), Sorsogon (Gubat), Camarines Sur (Pili), Negros Occidental (La Carlota City), Iloilo (Ajuy), Cebu (Liloan), Samar (Wright and Jiabong), Ormoc City, Zamboanga del Norte (Sindangan and Jose Dalman), Misamis Oriental (Calamba), Misamis Occidental (Butuan), General Santos City, Agusan del Norte (Trento) and Siargao Island (Heneral Luna).

The flagship program of CCFPI is partly funded by a $500,000 grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation USA, with counterpart funding from Coca-Cola in the Philippines. Fifteen more schoolhouses will be built this year, with another 15 in 2002.

The Little Red Schoolhouse Project also includes training workshops for teachers assigned to these remote schools. Specifically, they are taught skills on multigrade teaching, where classes of two or three grade levels are taught simultaneously by the same teacher.

This method is endorsed by the United Nations Children's Fund as the most effective means of providing primary education to as many children as possible, and all Little Red Schoolhouses are designed for it.

The success of the Little Red Schoolhouse Project has inspired at least one other major enterprise, Philip Morris, to launch its own similar program. In its version of the program, the schools will be located in the country's tobacco-growing regions.

"In recent years, we targeted education to be the area where we would mostly invest our resources in," said CCFPI president Cecile Alcantara. "More than midway through our five-year flagship program, we are more encouraged than ever by our decision. We are also delighted by our partnership with the government as we invest in our country's future."

THE NEW Little Red Schoolhouse in Jose Dalman municipality, Zamboanga del Norte, officially turned over to the DECS by the Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines Inc. in February. The old schoolhouse, which was left uncompleted, is at left.

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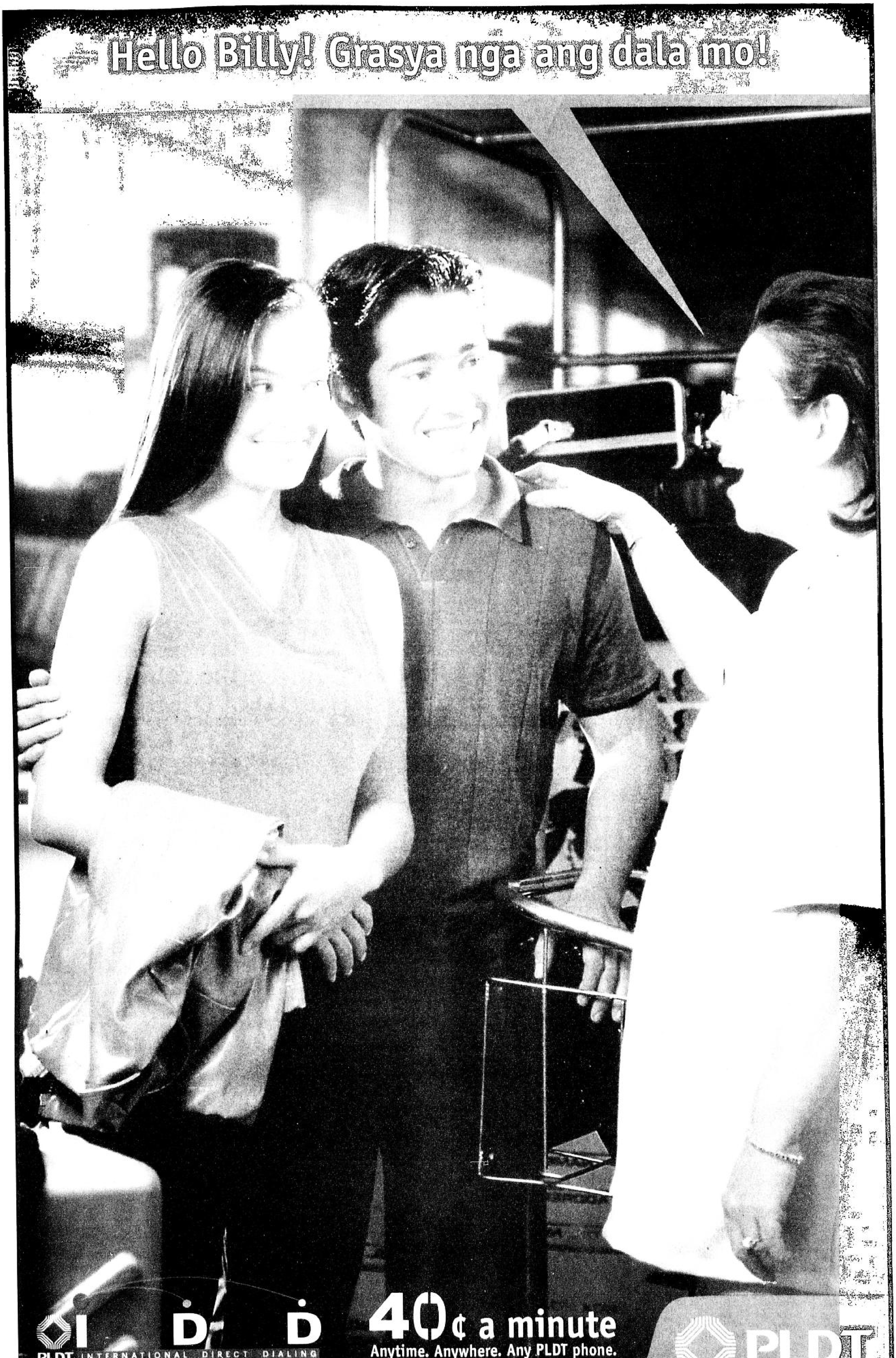
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Swaying at Flute, irritating songs, and reliving the '80s with Sybil

MUST-GO-TO bar: Flute

By Anton San Diego

MUST-GO-TO bar—Flute. Just when you thought Manila's nightlife has become staid, here's a new bar, Flute, in Salcedo Village, Makati (fronting the Makati Sports Club). Flute is a wine bar and restaurant that opened a month ago and has been packing it ever since. It is where hip people get to unwind and let it all hang. The bar is smaller than usual, more private and intimate—this appears to be the trend these days. Also, there has been a resurgence of interest in wine and in Flute, one can find a full list that will appeal even to finicky tastes.

Music to my ears. Have you ever been in a situation wherein you just can't seem to get a stupid song out of your head? Recently, after catching the new and improved **Gerri Halliwell** singing "It's Raining Men!" (a bad rendition but a great video), I just couldn't seem to get the song out of my mind. I found myself singing the song, and it sometimes happened at the worst times —in a meeting, interview, and when I was trying to remember something.

Some of the songs that irritate me are "Mambo No. 5," "Hey Mickey," any Wham song (the **George Michael** group when he was still supposedly straight) and, recently, **Gwyneth Paltrow**'s song, "Cruisin." The reason I hate the last song so much is because she and **Huey Lewis** played daughter and father in the film, and the song was supposed to be a love song. To make matters worse, Gwyneth's dad directed the film. Go figure.

People say that the best solution to replace an annoying song is to replace it

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Lucky Me! Lucky Mommy Blow-out

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> *Mothers reacted almost in unison in praising the unique event by Lucky Me!*

IT's one happy mall event that has made Mary Rodriguez feel proud that she's a mother. She recently won as Charming Mommy and Lucky Mommy of the Day in Lucky Me!'s Lucky Mommy Blow-out held Saturday at Festival Supermall in Alabang.

Rodriguez was among the more than 400 mothers who were treated to free salon services, massage, portrait drawing sessions, digital picture taking, and family entertainment.

For a day Alabang Festival Mall's carousel area was transformed into a large beauty center where mothers got facial, manicure, pedicure, haircut and massage in the booths set up for the occasion.

As for the kids who came with their mothers, they happily engaged in playtime with Lego sets provided by Lego in the Arts and Crafts booth. The children were also treated to parlor games and other fun activities such as card making for Mom.

Fathers also got a chance to pose with their wives and children at the digital photo booth where family pictures are printed and given for free.

Rodriguez wasn't the only one feted with an award. The lucky mothers who were also given special awards were Sheila Timbol (Lucky Sexy Mommy) Susie Almanzor (Lucky Smiling Mommy) Maria Lourdes Tiopez (Lucky Friendly Mommy) and Guia Gastador (Lucky Photogenic Mommy). They were given cash prizes and special packages. The mothers, who all possess charming personalities, responded superbly when asked in a portion how they were lucky as mothers.

As the day drew near, the mothers and their families were treated to a special show where child singer Dindin Llarena and childstar Goyong provided entertainment numbers along with dancers and jugglers. Character actress Winnie Cordero, who is a fun Mom, hosted the show.

Mothers reacted almost in unison in praising the unique event by Lucky Me!.

"It's really a blowout from Lucky Me!," says one mother. "It has pampered us. I hope there will be another one like this." "Through this activity, we felt important."

Lucky Me!, the market leader in the instant noodles product category, launched Lucky Me! Lucky Mommy Blow-out to show its appreciation to mothers who serve as the family's beacon. Mothers should be thanked and appreciated because they are responsible for the health and wellbeing of the children, says one Lucky Me! executive. "They prepare delicious and nutritious meals for the family and they serve Lucky Me! because their kids love it."

Lucky Me! Lucky Mommy Blow-out is currently undertaken in the provincial areas. In Metro Manila, similar activies will also be launched in major malls.

Moms are truly lucky with Lucky Me.

(Raquel P. Gomez)

Lucky Me!
Blow-out

Family picture time!

Host Winnie Cordero and childstar Goyong entertained the mothers

Congrats to winning Moms

How does one become a lucky mother? asks Winnie Cordero

Stage Mom with cute daughter

Lucky Mom of the day

Winsome moment for Mom

One lucky Mom gets a free manicure

Mom needed a haircut.

A soothing facial for Mom

Swaying at Flute, irritating songs, and reliving the '80s with Sybil

(From page G1)

with another annoying song. So if you start with "Careless Whisper," you can think of "Say, Say, Say."

In an article in the Sunday Times, Dr. **Edward de Bono** advised, "Take four or five really deep breaths. This reduces the oxygen supply to the brain and should, eventually, stop whatever song you have in your head." So when you are walking down the street and see someone turning blue, don't help him; he's just trying to get a song out of his head.

Seriously, one sure way is to think of something else, like what you're having for lunch or what you're going to buy once you get to a record store. Skip that last one: they may be playing a **Britney** remix or worse, an **April Boy Regino** song.

"Sex and the City 4." If you are a "Sex and the City" addict like me, the long wait may be finally over. The fourth season is premiering in the US on June 4. Hopefully, it will be in our shores soon enough (HBO, take the hint?).

In the new season, Mr. Big is supposed to return (do we hear wedding bells?). Ditto with Trey (**Kyle Maclachlan**) as Charlotte's husband. Celebrity guests popping up are **Patsy Kensit, Jason Priestley, Alec Baldwin** and **Cher.**

Fashion still plays a key role. Watch out for tight mini skirts, Christian Dior sunglasses and Jimmy Choo shoes.

Here are samplings of "Sex and the City" lingo: "Frenemies" (old friends obnoxious enough to remind you why you started screening your calls); "Paul Bunyan" (a.k.a. Carrie's carpenter boyfriend, a man who's good with his hands and wields a sizable chunk of wood), and "Goodie Drawer" (bedside table stocked with kinky toys, condoms and dirty magazines). But beware of pious housekeepers who pull "switcheroos," replacing vibrators with religious icons.

'80s redux. I could not remember having a great time (or maybe because I had too much to drink)—until last Saturday at the **Sybil** concert. After a down-tempo dinner at Wasabi with friends, the concert was pure fun. It was great to sing along with Sybil as she crooned her hits, especially my personal favorite, "Make it Easy on Me." After her performance, '80s dance music was played. Helping to relive the decade of greed, over-the-top fashion and "Dynasty" were **Bledes Fores, Tara Santos, Jonathan Matti, Andrew Gan, Sander** and **Mons Tantoco, Gil Coscolluela, Tommy** and **Mia Villanueva, Rhett Eala, Mandy Santos, Rajo Laurel, Wendy Puyat, Lia Bernardo, Patrick Reyno.** Outside the venue, I spotted **Ricco** and **Tina Ocampo, Kris Aquino, Zsa Zsa Padilla,** and **Ricky** and **Beng Dee.**

They really should have more events like this especially for the generation that grew up thinking Duran Duran and the B-52s were cool. I just like how **Johnny Velasquez**'s (Spirit of '67) group is packing it up at Conway's every Thursdays. How about bringing in **Gloria Gaynor,** if she's still around?

Diary of Constance Brooke Pendelton vda. de San Lorenzo: "Post-election musings." *She's back. After nearly getting a cardiac arrest on who was winning in the Senate (8-4-1) and learning her favorite was losing (**Miriam**), our favorite former Mare and intrepid socialite has decided to live a simpler life. It's what the time calls for, anyway. There will be enough chance for her to sport her 10-carat diamond later on when the stock market gets a jolt.*

"Thank God, we finally have the elections out of the way. Now I just wish everyone would just get back to work and forget about all these silly things like spy versus spy in Mindanao! It seems to me that 99.9 percent of the people couldn't care less about who is in Congress or, for that matter, in Malacañang. They just want to get on with their lives and make some money to put food on the table—the *really* important things in life. So I think *all* politicians should just get off their butts and off our backs and do what they were elected to do—help this country grow!

"At the same time, I've been reflecting a bit on the events of the past few months. We've had People Power II and III, the Battle for Malacañang, the impeachment, the midterm elections, and a new President who seems determined to get down to business. And, unfortunately, we've also seen the simmering rage of the underprivileged exploding. At the same time, I see bars closing and people seemingly buckling down to work. The message seems clear to me—the new austerity. I've come up with a dos and don'ts list that is appropriate for the times. Remember, the dos are *Fabu* (fabulous) and the don'ts are *Nobu* (non fabulous) After all, even in this age of austerity, fabulous never goes away.

Category	Fabu	Nobu
Style	The new austerity	Over-the-top ostentation
Automobiles	Japanese-made and sub-compacts (think Toyota and and Nissan)	Expeditions, Suburbans and and S-Class Benzes (so reminiscent of Erap and his *arriviste* bunch)
(As they say in Australia, if you can afford a Rolls, buy a Holden)		
Posture	Restraint, humility	Excess, extravagance
Designers	Gap	Anything overtly "designer"
Entertaining	Private dinners	Public parties
(The watchword here is don't flaunt it)		
Focus	Work	Partying
Luxury	Home accessories	Clothes

THE LONG wait is almost over. The "Sex and the City" girls are back!

"In short, let's forget that long national nightmare called the Erap Years. Lets focus on substance instead of style. Even if you have the money, don't flaunt it and have a care about how things look to the less privileged. In short, think about the things our wonderful nuns and priests taught us in convent school. Anyone who thinks otherwise definitely did not go to the right school and is definitely a big-time *arriviste.*"

E-mail comments to asd_world @hotmail.com

International women's rights course slated

THE WOMEN and Gender Institute (Wagi) of Miriam College holds its 3rd International Women's Human Rights (IWHR) Summer Training Course on May 28-June 2, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The training is the first academe-based women's human rights course in the Philippines that examines the use of international human rights instruments from both gender and Asian perspectives.

The IWHR Summer Training Course is a specialized course that seeks to provide midcareer government employees, local government officials, educators, professionals, NGO workers, foreign service officers, law enforcement personnel and technical staff of legislators, the requisite orientation and knowledge of international human rights instruments, their application and enforcement in the domestic legal system. This year, the training will be conducted in partnership with the Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development.

Some of the most distinguished women's human rights advocates from the Philippines comprise the pool of resource persons and lectures. They are: lawyer Purificacion Quisumbing, former chair of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights; lawyer Myrna Feliciano, director of the Center for Judicial Administration of the UP Law Center; lawyer Eleonor Conda of the International Women's Rights Action Watch; Prof. Aurora Javate-de Dios, past Philippine expert, United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and College Dean of Miriam College, and lawyer Zenaida Elepano, deputy court administrator of the Supreme Court.

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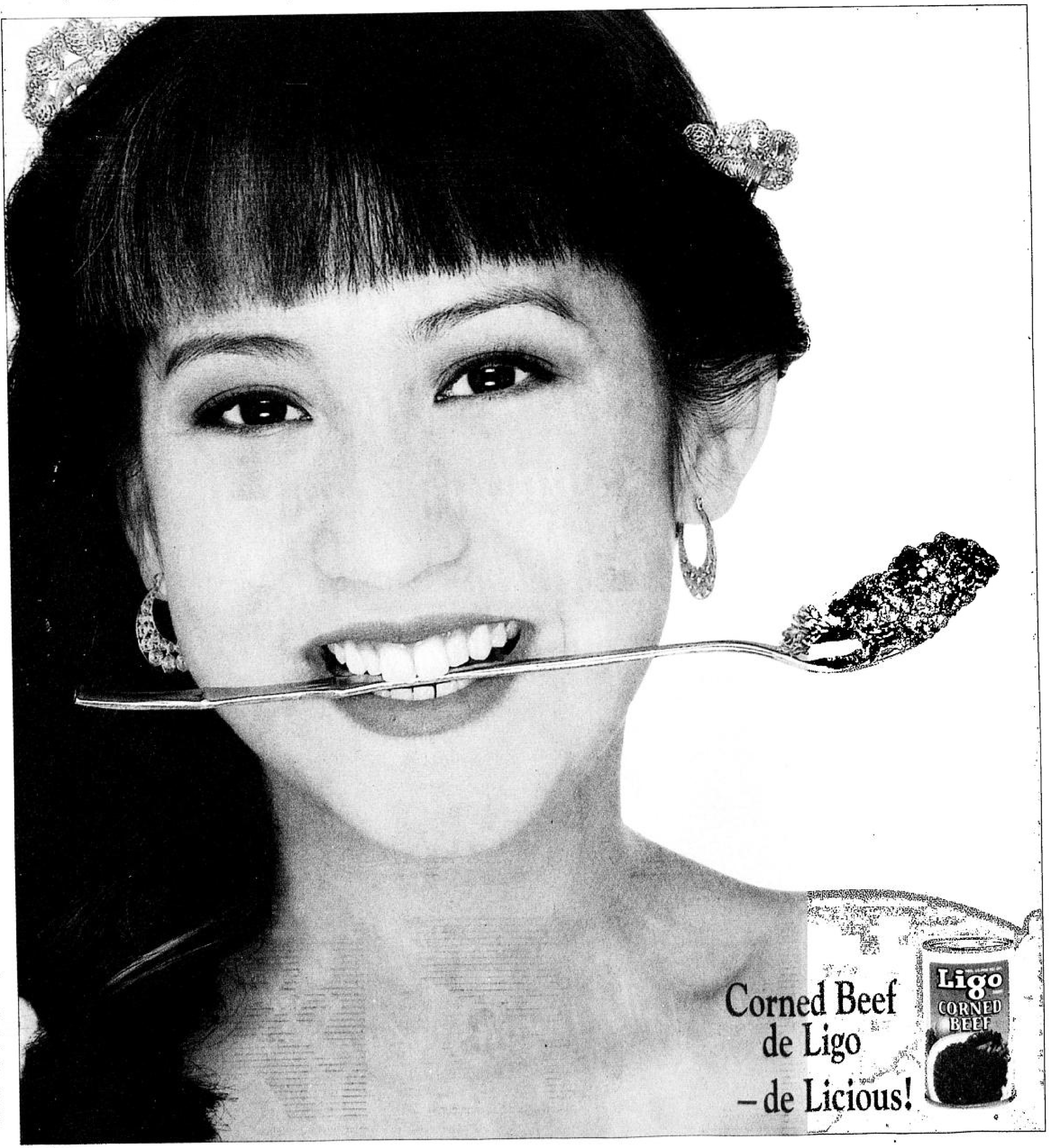

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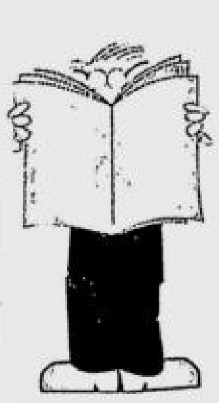

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The Program Manager will be responsible in planning, directing and implementing business initiatives of the company. The ideal candidate must have extensive experience in project and client management acquired in service or IT industry. He/she must have at least 5 years managerial/supervisory experience in project management. He/she must have strong analytical/mathematical and interpersonal skills; excellent in verbal and written communication; must be smart and aggressive. MBA degree holder from AIM/ADMU/UP is a definite advantage. Persons between twenty-five and thirty years of age are preferred.

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The Quality Assurance Supervisor willl be responsible for ensuring the operational requirements of the company, such as but not limited to quality monitoring, reports generation, systems and operations integration complies with the prescribed standards of high-quality. The ideal candidate must have at least 3 years progressive supervisory experience in a call center; must have strong leadership, analytical and problem solving skills; excellent in verbal and written communication; must be proficient in software application. Experience in ISO certification is a definite advantage. Persons between twenty-five and thirty years of age are preferred.

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The Receptionist/Secretary shall be responsible in receiving postal mails, attends to and facilitate traffic of phone calls, and handling of enquiries of walk-in customers. As a frontline staff, the ideal candidate must be smart and highly motivated; with pleasing personality; with excellent oral and written communication skills; well organized, and can work under minimal supervision.

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The Customer Care Specialists will be at the forefront of our organization. They will be the focal point for all customer requests, and will be responsible for providing front line support and assistance to our clients. Our Customer Care Specialists are expected to analyze, diagnose and solve problems, with consistently high customer satisfaction rating. They should be courteous, customer-focused, and must be team spirited. The ideal candidates for the position are persons who are internet savvy college graduates; excellent communications skills; are between twenty and twenty-seven years of age, with excellent interpersonal skills; and are willing to work shifts. Previous experience in the customer relations management industry and can speak any foreign language such as Fookien, Mandarin, Cantonese and Spanish is a plus.

Interested parties are requested to submit their comprehensive resume indicating the position code to:

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Rm. 5145, Transport & Communications Division (East), Asian Development Bank, P.O. Box 789, 0980 Manila or email gbathan@adb.org, tel. no.: 632-5151.

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IMMEDIATELY

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The Human Resources Manager
THE LEATHER COLLECTION, INC.
#15 Don Mariano Lim Industrial Complex
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• STAFF ASSISTANTS & TELEPHONE OPERATOR

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- writing and/or editing various corporate reports, communication/information materials, presentations and collaterals
- assisting in conceptualizing and supervision of various corporate events
- representing the company in various conferences, exhibitions and other similar events
- supervising, coordinating various activities prior to, during and after special projects
- conducting briefings and orientation tours for company visitors and supervising photo sessions
- assisting in interfacing with media, financial analysts, government and the general public.

Qualifications

- Male, 25 to 35 years old
- Mass Communication, Business, Advertising or Journalism degree holder
- With a minimum of 2 years supervisory experience in Public Relations/Corporate Communications
- Excellent command of written and spoken English and Tagalog
- Highly computer-literate (MS Office 2000, HTML, Adobe Photoshop, PageMaker)
- Creative and has basic visual communication skills
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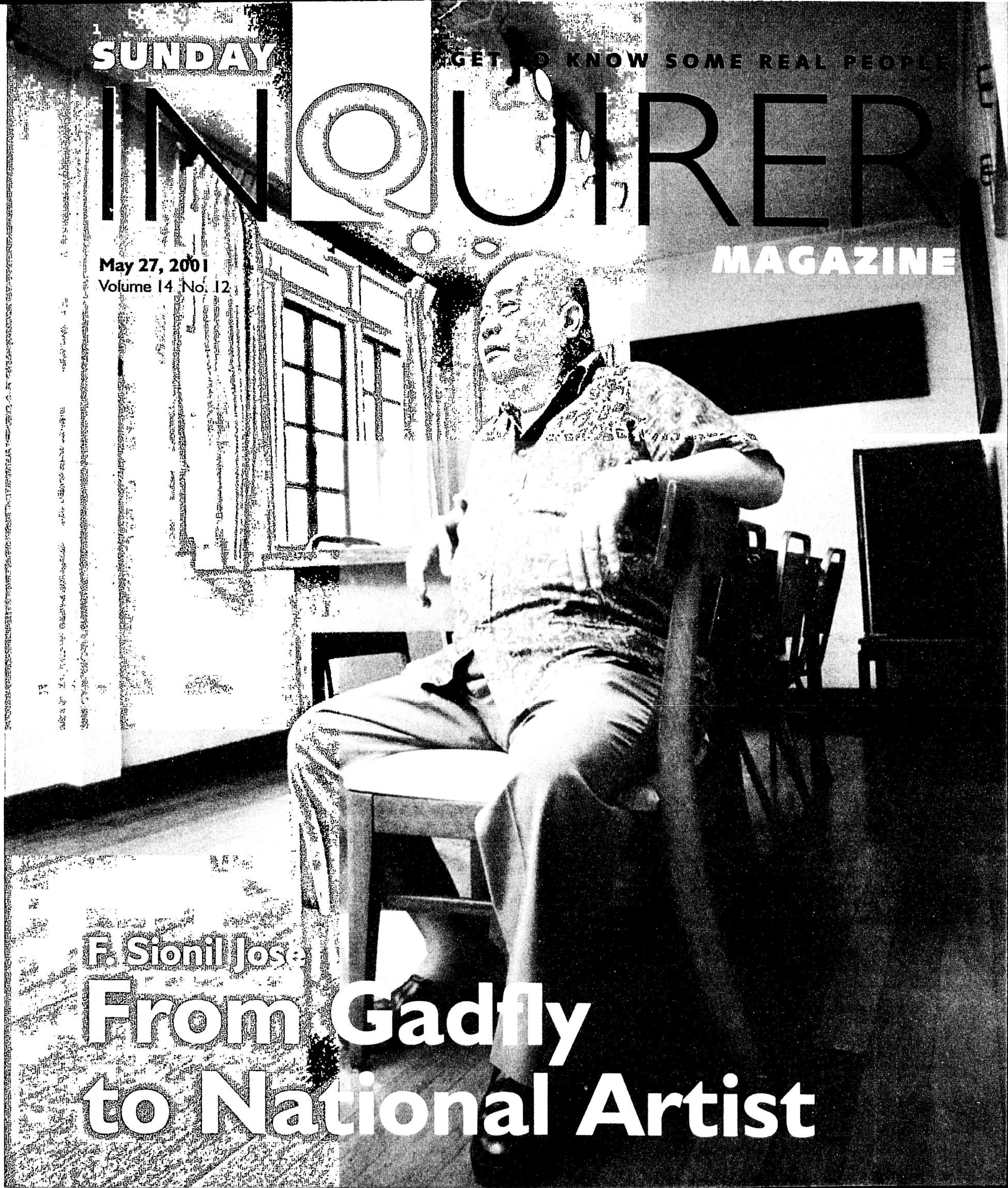

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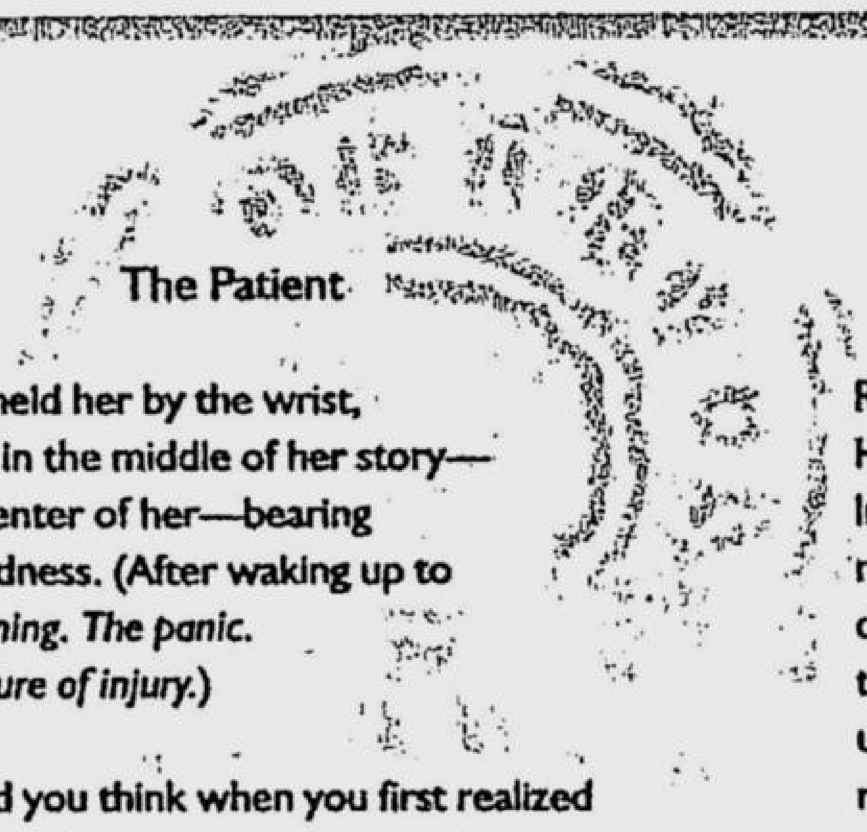

The Patient

When I held her by the wrist,
She was in the middle of her story—
At the center of her—bearing
The blindness. (After waking up to
The morning. The panic.
The gesture of injury.)

What did you think when you first realized
You were—? What part of the field
Is there left for you to—

See I was sketching steep arcs
In the air between us,
Doodling finger wriggles on her just share of
The Clear and the Seen,

And the Scene, checking how much
She had lost to stumbling,
Guesswork. Fix the blame

On the slim rhombus of light
She was left with to live—

(While all the love for her
sat and slept behind
what she'd no longer—)

At the edge of her world,
A finger seen. A finger not seen.
All her raised arms of the loss.

No easy job helping the world
Tell us what it keeps.

L. Lacambra Ypil

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at inilagay sa baso para
paghalu-haluin ang mga sangkap:
isang kutsaritang asukal at gatas
mula sa kalawanging lata,
langka at ubeng pinaliguan
ng *food color,*
nata de cocong binabad sa apog,
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hinimay ng tansan
ng ginebra,
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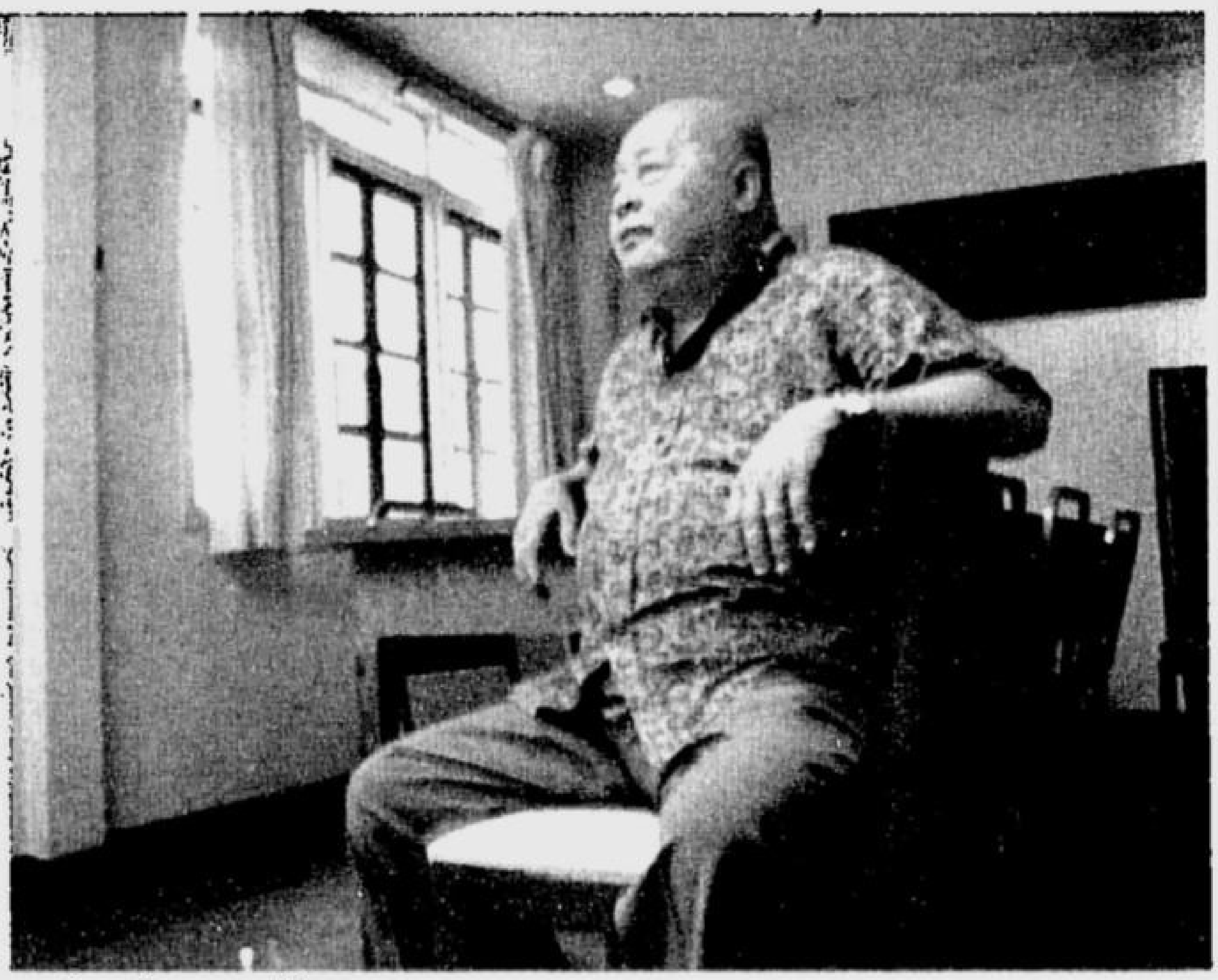

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The Youth View
by Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

Learning about sex in the malls, the streets and odd corners of the city used to be a bad thing. Not anymore

The Birds, the Bees and the Pinoy Youth

FOR LORDELYN BOLESA, 12, THIS SATURDAY IS SPECIAL. NOT ONLY WOULD SHE GET TO HANG-OUT WITH FRIENDS ON A DAY USUALLY RESERVED FOR CHORES, BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY'D BE TALKING OPENLY ABOUT SOMETHING THEY'VE ONLY WHISPERED ABOUT IN SCHOOL HALLWAYS AND THE BACK ALLEYS OF BARANGAY PARAISO, A SPRAWLING SQUATTERS' COMMUNITY IN LETRE, MALABON.

"I already know about my body and about sex through books and in school," Bolesa says shyly. "But in school, I can't ask certain questions because of the boys. *Nakakahiya* (it's embarrassing)."

More than being self-conscious about the topic, Bolesa and her friends cite the often uninspired teaching that has made Population Education (or Pop Ed) a grim undertaking in most public high schools. A better alternative, according to three groups advocating reproductive health care among young people, is to take the topic out of the classroom and bring it where the young folk congregate: the malls, streets, and entertainment halls.

"From years of working with teens, we've come to realize that they are more interested in relationship than sex," says Aurora Silayan-Go, executive director of the Foundation for Adolescent Development, which last year opened Teen Head Quarters (THQ), a health resource center for the young at the Luisita Mall in Tarlac. The more personal approach, cites Lina Bacalando, "helps us focus on specific youth problems in the community, in this case, teenage pregnancy." Bacalando heads the health center MOTHERS (Mothers' Organization for Total Health, Education, Research & Services) which, together with the women's alternative health group, Likhaan, organized the Malabon session.

Edwin Bacasmas

Karen Pineda bats for candor and colloquial terms

Edwin Bacasmas

Bacalando: The personal approach works

For the MTV and chat room crowd, using drama techniques combined with audience participation is an effective way to make even serious messages slide in, says Lea Espallardo, Women's Theater program director of the Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA). The group has successfully staged "*Tumawag kay* Libby Manaoag" which dealt with domestic violence, and "The Libby Manaoag Files: *Ang Paghahanap sa Pwertas Prinsesas,"* on the difficult choices women have to make in connection with their body and sexuality.

THIS morning, Bolesa and some 20 adolescent girls sit cross-legged on native mats, surrounded by the clinic's prenatal posters. The sessions used to be held in open space —the streets, a basketball court or a plaza – but for today's sensitive topic, the closed door approach is used. Karen Pineda's perky questions snap them out of their early afternoon languor. "We're ready for our next session," she tells them in Filipino. The questions sound infinitely more graphic in Filipino, but the provocative language and candor are intentional, says Karen, a training officer of Likhaan. "It is meant to desensitize the girls and make them more comfortable talking openly about their bodies."

Half an hour later, the girls are asked to volunteer their answers and indeed, the four-letter words pertaining to genitalia are couched in euphemisms. *Sa ibaba* (down there) is a common answer to the query on where life begins. But *Ate* Karen isn't about to let them off easy. Her next set of questions, still in Filipino, asks: Which parts of the body feel good when they are kissed, touched, massaged, caressed? The hair, most of them answer demurely. "Where? Up or down?" is Karen's snappy comeback.

The girls smile sheepishly. True, they've heard and overheard worse terms used to describe their sexual parts and what to do with them, but they know better than mention these in polite society.

Days before, a computer-printed pink invitation on "*Pagdadalaga at Sekswalidad*" (puberty and sexuality) was coursed through the health clinic's members. "Some of the mothers expressed fears that knowing about sex might encourage experimentation among their daughters," says Bacalando. A careful explanation of the topics to be discussed, among them how to say no to sexual advances and how to take care of one's body, took care of that.

"Most of the girls grew up in typical conservative households with lots of stereotypes and superstitions," cites Karen. Myths about menstruation are common, as are ideas about sex being dirty and as something women must put up with. Using the girls' own anatomical drawings, this nursing graduate answers their queries patiently and with disarming candor. Soon the bottled-up questions pour out: What is ligation? Why do babies die inside the womb? What if you don't want a baby? What do tomboys do? What is orgasm? Why do some mothers undergo caesarean? What is foreplay? What if my boyfriend insists on having sex? Can one get pregnant the first time? Can a boy really tell if you're still a virgin?

Lyn Rillon

Esteban: Treated as a peer by her young clients

Today's session ends with Karen encouraging the girls to form their own groups to continue the discussion. "We ask them what other sex education modules they want as follow up." Follow-up modules deal with sexuality, STD or sexually transmitted diseases (a favorite topic among boys), teen pregnancy, and substance abuse. So far, says Karen, the *manangs* (pious ladies) have no objections to the session.

FOR teenagers flocking to the Teen Headquarter (THQ) at the Luisita Mall in Tarlac, the warning, *"Bawal Pumasok"* (do not enter) is often greeted with self-conscious giggles. It's not so much a motorist sign, but the title of a short video on premarital sex.

"We're located near several public high schools, so students who have no money for movies make do with our free videos," says Edna Esteban, 21, the community relations officer of the year-old THQ. Considered blockbusters based on their popularity among the young audience are other videos *"Usapang Lalaki: Macho ka ba?"* (are you man enough?), *"Pusong Mamon: Ginusto niya, ginusto ko rin"* (he wanted to do it, so did I) and "AIDS: *Mukha naman siyang malinis*" (she looked clean).

The videos are produced by the Foundation for Adolescent Development (FAD) which in the past year has opened several THQ franchises in Dasmarinas, Cavite, Baguio and Sta. Rosa, Laguna. "The idea," says FAD executive director Aurora Silayan-Go, "is to apply a standardized model of delivering products and services to our product lines which include values formation and information." The franchisee, the Luisita mall owners in this instance, halves operating costs and ensures that funds never run out.

Mall rats watch videos on the birds and the bees at THQ Tarlac

Lyn Rillon

On any given weekday, up to 50 youngsters hang out at THQ, not only for the free videos, but to do mall stuff: have their ears pierced, surf the Net, have a dental or medical check-up by in-house doctors and nurses at student-friendly prices, play some board games, riffle through teen magazines, get some free counseling.

At Sta. Rosa, Laguna, Esteban's counterpart is Jeffry Lorenzo, 24, a UP Los Baños Sociology graduate who used to handle labor relations in a manufacturing firm.

"Our clientele includes schools where we conduct lectures, as well as workers in factories where we have outreach services," says Lorenzo. The parish youth council and the town's barangays have also been tapped to reach more young people.

Youngsters cotton up to them because they're closer in age than their teachers, Esteban and Lorenzo reveal. "They treat us as peers, as an elder brother or sister," says Lorenzo. "They can relate better to us because we still share the same interests." Simple language also attracts the out-of-school youth, as do the translations of sexual terms into colloquial Filipino. "Schools tend to use technical or clinical terms," says Edna. "And since students worry about being graded, they don't want to ask questions that could make their teachers uncomfortable."

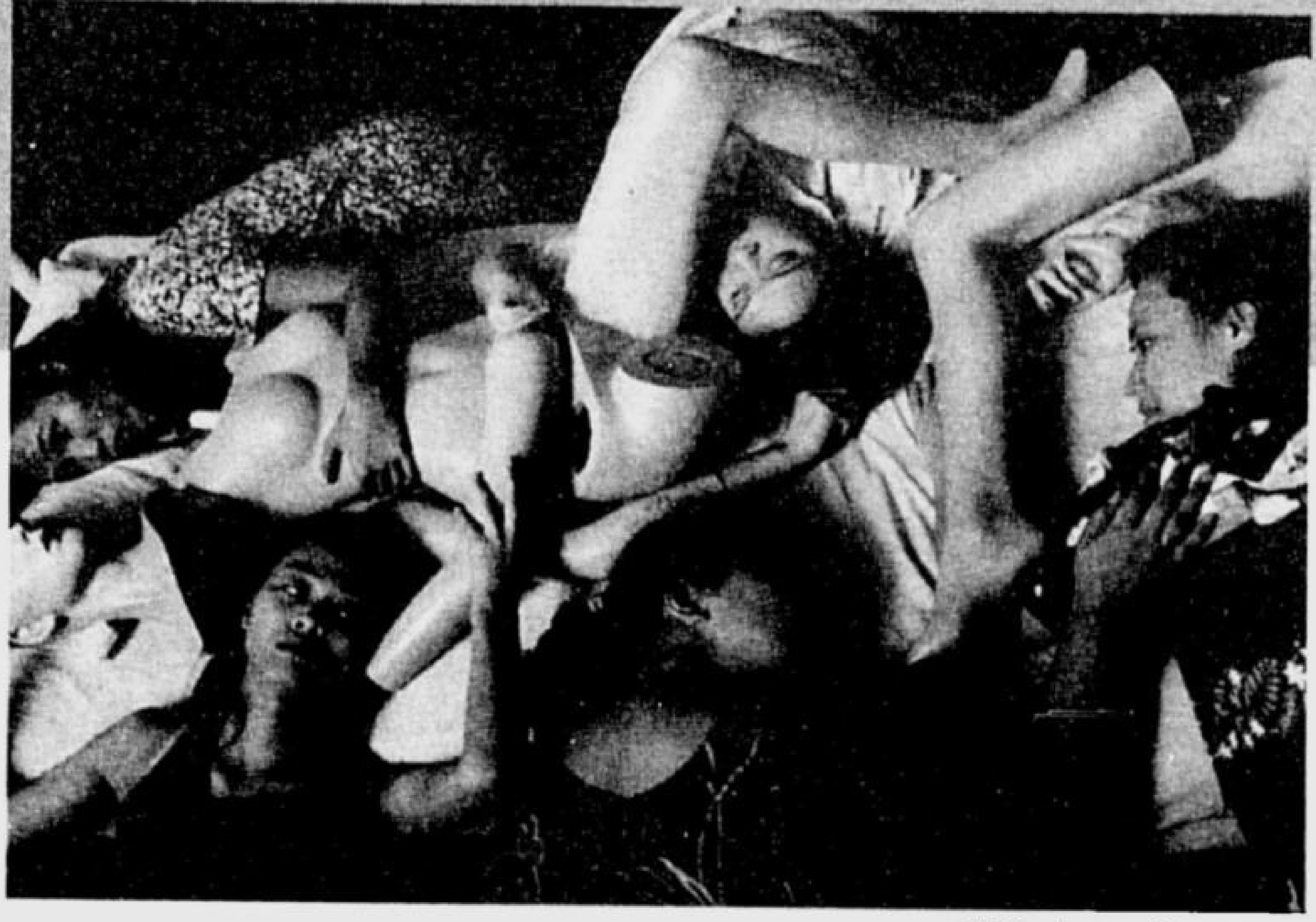
Judging from how many clients have become regulars, Lorenzo says the program has been effective. "People keep coming back. It's gotten so that our clients already know each other." The mall setting helps, as a captive youth market stops by all the time. Confidentiality, except in suicide cases, also hauls them in. "We're professionals here so their secrets are safe with us," says Jeffry.

Of course, says Jeffry, they realize that they can't change behavior overnight. "Not everything is acceptable to our clients," he notes. "Out of school youth for one have very strong macho values so it would take a lot of well-delivered messages to get through to them." To speed up the process, he and other THQ volunteers present them options and alternative scenarios, role models and refer them to other groups where they can access related services. Among students, adds Edna, the premium put on premarital sex is hardest to change. "If the boys insist on having sex, we teach the girls how to negotiate a no. But we can't sell them pills; we can only refer them to other clinics."

IF LIBBY Manaoag had run for Congress, she would have won a seat. The lead character of the play *"Tumawag kay Libby Manaoag"* gave advice to callers during her popular radio program, unraveling several stories of domestic violence in the process.

Recalls Lea Espallardo, 32, PETA's Women's Theater program director: "During the run of the play, people were calling our office looking for Libby Manaoag. She has become a living character, a real person to women, somebody they can talk to whenever they have problems."

The idea of PETA doing a play on women's issues is nothing new, Espallardo says. The partnership with women's groups and funding organizations is, however. "One of our requirements when we stage a play on women's issues is to have an existing organization or institution in the area that advocates the issue so that there's a follow up after the show," Espallardo explains. "The play is meant to trigger discussions and to provide the audience the right information so they can have wise and informed choices." So far, PETA has done plays on AIDS and other issues that sex workers grapple with and on reproductive health, which was what "The Libby Manaoag Files: *Ang Paghahanap sa Pwertas Prinsesas*" was all about.



PETA play on "Pwertas Prinsesas": Debate on women's control over their bodies

Doing a sequel challenged the PETA staff and actors, says Espallardo. "There was the pressure of making it more aesthetic than the first and more sophisticated. We had to beat our own record. We had to be funnier." But the subject was sensitive: "How can we really talk about issues happening in our own private bedrooms?" Espallardo asks. "When the director, scriptwriter and funders, the Ford Foundation people, met to discuss and clarify Reproductive Health (RH), we got caught up with the technical aspects of the issue. How are we going to present this onstage without boring the audience?"

The first theme, domestic violence, was easy, she notes. "I mean who would agree to any form of violence, anyway? But RH issues are very controversial in this conservative Catholic society." Even the reactions among PETA actors were varied when it came to family planning, the use of contraceptives, health services, abortion and so on. "At some point, the male actors felt they were always portrayed as the villains, that the play is so anti-male," continues Espallardo. "Other actors also expressed fears and hesitation about women asserting control over their own bodies. The questions came up during our education sessions on the issue and it resulted in a lot of debate among the cast, especially on the issue of abortion." To give themselves a deeper understanding of the issue, PETA invited resource persons like Princess Nemenzo and Mercy Fabros of Womanhealth Philippines for a dialogue, says Espallardo.

Fearing the same contentious reaction among the audience, PETA would always warn would-be sponsors about the content of the play and the need for mature viewers aged 15 and above. Expectedly, she adds, "Some were really shocked especially with the language. You would hear giggles and nervous laughter whenever they hear the Filipino terms for sexual parts. Of course it was a way to make them confront themselves: why are they uncomfortable with the words for genitalia?"

The most common questions from the audience, says Espallardo are: "Why are you picking on the men again? Why do you make it appear that pregnancy is such an ordeal? Why does sex appear to be a burden and a duty among the women in your play?"

Despite such reactions, the play has proven popular enough to merit tours around the country, from Metro Manila to Baguio to Marawi. Says Espallardo: "I guess people like the play because it's a comedy and there are lots of songs and dances."

More than a national audience, however, what's important is the play's effectivity, says this program director. "We're able to reach out to many people and gotten them to talk and debate on the issue of a woman's rights over her reproductive function."

Already, another play on women's sexuality is in the offing. "For our next theater season from November 2001 to March 2002, we're staging a play about fat women. It will deal with our concept of what is beautiful."

For sure, the issue will have women speed-dialing Libby Manaoag's number again.

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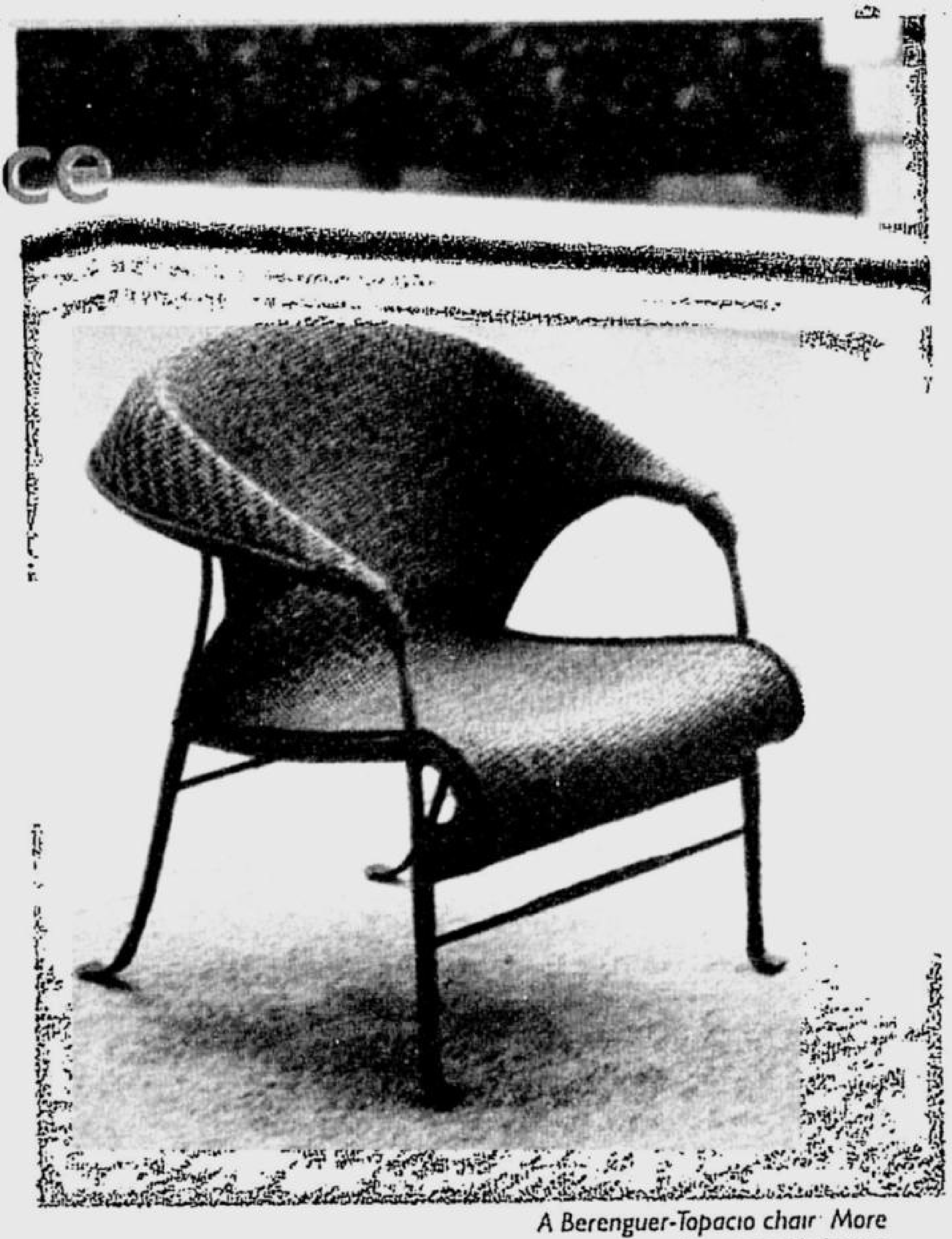


A Berenguer-Topacio chair: More is not necessarily better

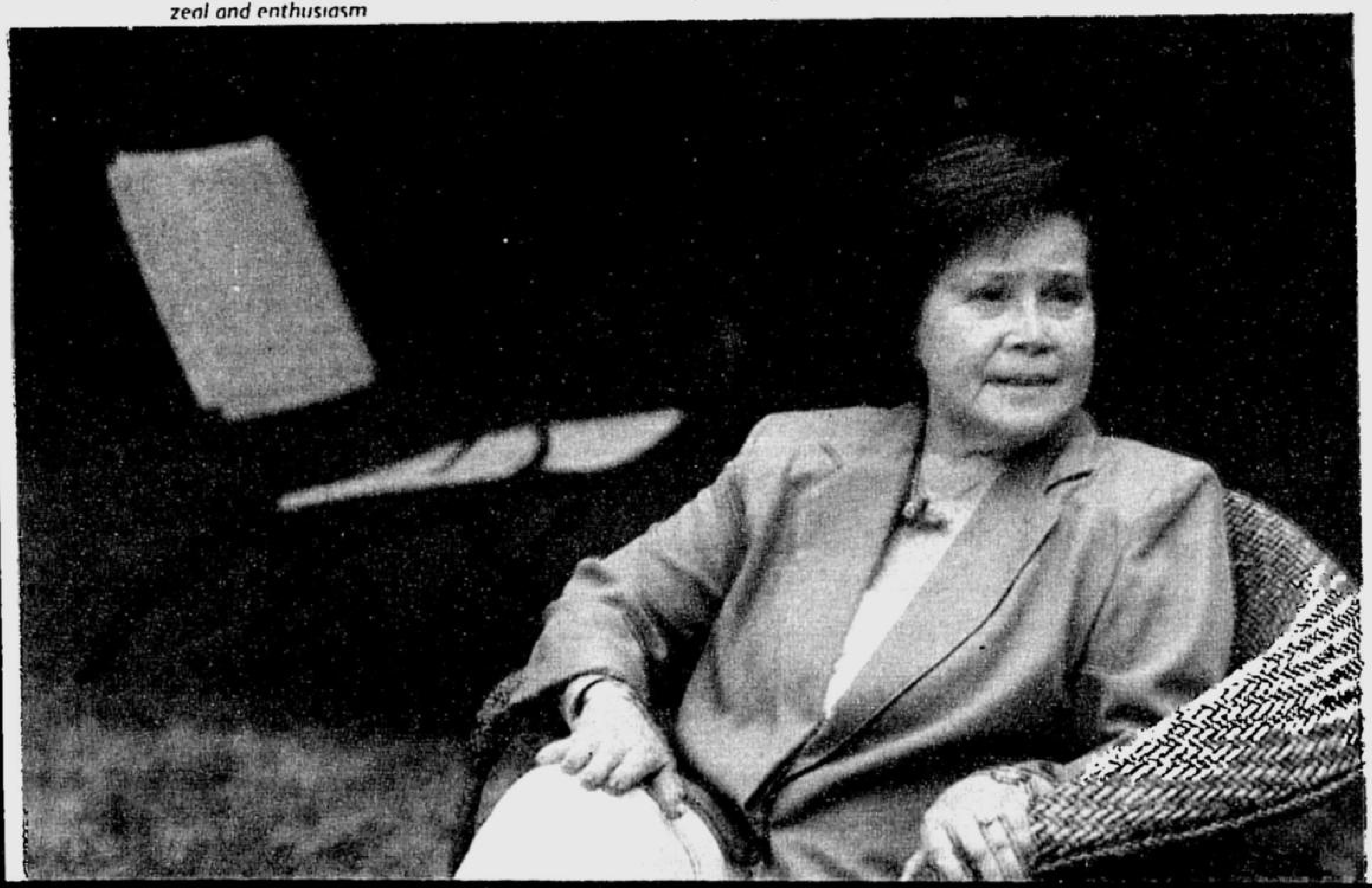
THE NAME HAS A SUBTLY UBIQUITOUS RING TO IT. LIKE HORTALEZA, MALABANAN, OR EMILIO S. LIM, BERENGUER-TOPACIO IS A NAME THAT MOST OF US HAVE HEARD. BUT WHO OR WHAT EXACTLY IS BERENGUER-TOPACIO? IS IT A LAW FIRM? A PAWN SHOP? THE REAL REASON THAT NAME GOT SO INGRAINED INTO THE SUBCONSCIOUS OF THE PHILIPPINE MODERNIST MIND IS SIMPLY BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN LITERALLY SURROUNDING US FOR OVER 30 YEARS NOW. AS ONE OF THE FIGURES TO ESTABLISH THE FIELD OF INTERIOR DESIGN IN THE PHILIPPINES, CHED BERENGUER-TOPACIO IS PIVOTAL IN CREATING THE SPACE AROUND US.

A shrapnel during the war took away a chunk of her thigh, along with any hope of ever becoming a prima ballerina

If you ever have the privilege of meeting her, Ched Berenguer-Topacio will impress you as a woman of creative substance who knows exactly where and how her head should be screwed on. A modest lady of distinction, her light demeanor and humility act as a counterpoint to the weight of her success. She is not only one of the founders of the Philippine Institute of Interior Design but also a Roscoe Award winner whose designs have appeared in countless international design journals. Her furniture collections are among the first Philippine exports to penetrate the global design market, as her chairs have even done cameos underneath Robert Redford's posterior in films such as "Out of Africa." Not everyone in the world can say that superstars have sat on their creations.

And to the post-martial law generation in search of a significant past, her history would excite their atrophied post-modern imagination. She is a child of the Manila of memory; a product of a city that didn't need air-conditioning or high gates, when people walked to their destinations instead of being rolled around in smoke-belching padded isolation chambers. Her youth also reads like a Hollywood screenplay written by Sidney Sheldon with Audrey Hepburn in the lead role. That is, if Sidney was a Filipino with a BFA in Architecture and Audrey a Filipina from Sampaloc.

Today, Berenguer-Topacio still practises her art with zeal and enthusiasm



It's a story that started on a warm day in February 1945. In a boarding house along España, a pretty young mestiza dreamt of becoming a ballerina while the rest of the city waited unwittingly for the apocalypse of its liberation. Later that day, the skies turned red as bombs rained upon the north side of the River Pasig – ultimately destroying the studio where she trained under famed Madame Alamid – and showering shrapnel upon her as she tried to run across the street to safety. Sadly, the shrapnel took away a chunk of her thigh, along with any hope of ever becoming a prima ballerina. But where others would wallow in the horror of their fate, she found the strength to forego the amputation and, ironically, achieve top billing as a dancing war victim for the ballet studio's reconstruction fundraiser.

Years later, the plot would thicken even more. The dancer now finally crossed España, this time to enroll as an architecture student at the University of Santo Tomas. It was there that she was to meet the man and the fate which would define the rest of her life. But the man, Hector Topacio, was a long-haired motorcycle-jacketed smoothie – not the kind of guy any young lady dared bring home to mother in 1955, unless she wished to be cloistered away by the Carmelite sisters for a life filled with eggs and prayer. So, in the tradition of all sheltered daughters in mid-century Manila, she was promptly shipped off to America to attend classes at the New York School of Interior Design, hopefully to forget that rebel without a pause.

No such luck.

Upon returning home to Manila years later, she married the man. But this determined career girl had no plans of sitting around, barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen. Around the same time, she also landed a job as the in-house Interior Design Consultant of the ritzy Aguinaldo Echagues in Binondo. She provided the service for free as a come-on for the department store's more aesthetically-challenged clients. But at the time, the words "interior designer" were as futuristic and alien to the Filipino public as the words "internet technology consultant." Fortunately, being the trend hounds that we are, Filipinos soon lined up around the block to apply her newfangled science of arranging objects in their lives. Her accidental success soon proved too big to handle without compensation and eventually she found the confidence to start an interior design office on her own. With the blessings of AE's owner, Pacquing Echague, she opened a workshop at her mother-in-law's compound in Pasay City.

It was there that Ched's love for the stage would return and manifest itself in her designs for some of Manila's most memorable locations. During the years that followed, she created the gothic interiors of the Round Table, that fabled restaurant in Intramuros, which made the word "smorgasbord" the epitome of Filipino fine dining. Soon after, she designed the Maranao leitmotifs of the Panlilio's Sulo Restaurant and the Fellini-meets-Waldorf Astoria ambience of the Plaza Restaurant in Makati. These, along with the Ifugao-inspired Hyatt Terraces Hotel in Baguio, can be described as some of the most theatrical interiors in Philippine design history. As proof of this, just peer over the fence at 1808 Roxas Boulevard. You can still see the mummy tombs, ankhs, and leftover detailing from her Egyptian themed Nile Restaurant among its rubble and weeds. They are the only remaining elements from the aforementioned works which, sadly, have all been brought down by either the hands of man or nature.

Today, like any true artist, Ched Berenguer-Topacio still practises her craft with enthusiasm and dedication.. Her commitment to the aesthetic education of her clientele and that of the public remains evident in the interiors of the Enterprise Towers on Ayala Avenue and Paseo De Roxas. Arguably the most refined expression of her sensibilities, it stands as a harmonious fusion of monumentality and minimalism. Theatrical as a Wagner play, dramatic as the Paris Opera House, it teaches us that more is not exactly better; a testimony that for any form to be considered as pioneering, it must ultimately be rooted in the history with which it was made possible. All design is based upon balance and symmetry; it is a dichotomy, and just like her — evolved.

Find out more about Ched Berenguer-Topacio at www.berenguer-topacio.com

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Integrity Has Now Become Impractical, Right?

Today's brand of pragmatism is something else.

by Pete F. Galvez

> God ... is able to do IMMEASURABLY MORE than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us ...
> EPHESIANS 3:20

A real friend is one who comes in when the whole world has gone out. And if need be, an Arab proverb injects an element of integrity: *A friend is one who warns you*. The same may apply to being a fan.

In his book *Staying Up, Up, Up in a Down, Down World*, Zig Ziglar observes:

> If we look at the word fanatic, we discover that the first three letters spell *fan*. Most of us are fans of people, cities, companies, jobs, our mates, our faith, or the favorite athletic teams we support. I've always believed that loyal fans are real assets and that it helps to be a loyal fan.
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> However, a fanatic is something else. Eliminate *fan* from *fanatic*, and it becomes *atic*. I believe that people who become fanatics have an *atic* problem — in other words, they've taken it to an extreme and become so dogmatic that they endanger themselves or their careers. They lose the favorable influence they might have on other people, including their families.
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> It's one thing to believe in something or somebody. It's another thing to be completely blind to the fact that we can take it too far and that the person or team we favor might go too far in efforts to win. I believe that we can be loyal fans, supporting the activities that are productive, honorable, and solid, and calling into question the things that are illegal and immoral. For example, many of our "heroes" in the movies and on TV . . . have questionable lives. I believe it's fanaticism when you close your eyes to the bad and fanatically follow someone because "you've always been a fan."
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> Interestingly enough, when the individual, team, or politician realizes the negative behavior will not be tolerated any longer, chances are excellent that he or she will see the handwriting on the wall and make appropriate changes. I believe the real fan (*Note:* or friend) who is loyal but who holds the team or individual accountable for actions exercises responsibility.

What's the goal of integrity for a fan or friend? Two sayings: *A real friend is one who helps us to think our noblest thoughts, put forth our best efforts, and to be our best selves* Better still, *inasmuch as anyone pushes you nearer to God, he or she is your friend.*

And if the one you're helping pays no heed to meeting this goal, then Abraham Lincoln (recognized as America's greatest president) takes over with "*I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.*"

Otherwise, this deliberately misquoted (for effect) popular saying would hit us right between the eyes: *Birds of the same feather are the same birds*. Or, *The rotten apple spoils his companions* (BENJAMIN FRANKLIN). And, *He who looks for advantage out of friendship strips it of all its nobility* (LUCIUS ANNAEUS SENECA • C. 4 B.C.-A.D. 65).

In all other areas of life, integrity is *always* a breath of fresh air.

Through diligence, sacrifice and sheer competence, my friend, a young Christian employee, steadily rose from the ranks and was eventually trusted enough to be assigned to the inner sanctum - - office of the president of one of the most progressive business concerns hereabouts. By his own choice, however, the privilege of being on top was short-lived. He resigned because he wouldn't allow himself to participate in what he discovered to be questionable procedures commonly considered as part of "good busness." He willingly took the risk. Robert Elliott Speer (1867-1947) did say: *If one can be certain that his principles are right, he need not worry about the consequences.* Now working in a global multinational firm, this young man receives a much higher pay—in an environment where integrity thrives. God did say, *I will honor those who honor Me* (1 SAMUEL 2:30).

The late golf champion Babe Didrickson Zaharias once *disqualified herself* from a golf tournament for having hit the wrong ball out of the rough. "But nobody would have known," a friend told her. "I would have known," Babe Didrickson Zaharias replied. (Real champions have integrity!)

Surely integrity is what makes our world a better place to live in, and brings in much needed hope. *Integrity is essential if we are to cope with life's difficulties* (EURIPIDES • c. 484–406 B.C.).

Or choose shallow expediency (the impatient approach) for temporary relief, but solves nothing in the long run, and even worsens matters. Like a coup d'état.

Those who say integrity has become passé has this coming to them: *Nothing can come out of a sack but what is in it* (ITALIAN PROVERB).

How did we make out last Election Day against so-called pragmaticians who have trampled on integrity?

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and
ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie.
JOSIAH GILBERT HOLLAND (1819–1881)

Finally, let's get personal: You are not a better person because you are praised; neither are you any worse if somebody denigrates you. God knows what you are. People consider actions, but God evaluates intentions (THOMAS A. KEMPIS).

How's your integrity quotient? Need any help?

Try God and watch what happens (EPHESIANS 3:20). It's good to know that with Him nothing is impossible.

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Manila's omnipresent man of letters goes from gadfly to National Artist

Finding F. Sionil Jose

BEFORE, THE BEST WAY TO START A DEBATE AMONG FILIPINO WRITERS WAS TO ASK WHETHER NOVELIST F. SIONIL JOSE DESERVED TO BE NAMED NATIONAL ARTIST. NOW THAT HE HAS BEEN ELECTED AS SUCH BY THE JOINT BOARD OF THE CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES (CCP) AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS, THE QUESTION CAN BE POSED AGAIN — NOT TO START A DEBATE, BUT A SCUFFLE.

> *He has been accused of being a windbag, a publicity hound and once, as a CIA agent. He protested his innocence, sued for libel and won*

We exaggerate, of course. In fact, there was a sigh of relief among writers and supporters when Jose was named National Artist-elect. Many of them felt that the honor had been long overdue a writer who is practically the country's most published and most widely translated author internationally.

But it is Jose's peculiar quality as a person and writer that just as he draws avid partisans to his side, he also sends rabid fanatics to the enemy side. This perhaps explains why, despite the endorsement of the CCP and the NCCA, Jose's National Artist laurel is not exactly in the can. Strictly speaking, only the President proclaims the National Artist. The CCP and NCCA's endorsement of Jose is already in Malacañang for the President's final imprimatur, but reliable sources say a literature expert has written the President to oppose it. Either because the President is prudent and democratic or Jose's notoriety simply precedes him, the letter has been referred to the Presidential Management Staff for study. Writers and institutions championing Jose have written the President to ignore the letter.

News like this would ordinarily draw an acerbic remark from Jose, who is not called Frankie or Frank for nothing. But Jose is taking everything in stride. "I have a tendency to speak frankly," he said. "My wife often warns me to be more circumspect, as we have few friends left."

How brutally frank could Frankie Jose get? Here are samplings of his rantings:

On Jose Garcia Villa: "He wrote charming conceits. He was a poet without a country. Cirilo Bautista is without question a better poet."

On Leandro Locsin: "The representative Locsin architecture is the CCP—and it's a fascist building. Look at the huge, forbidding driveway that only the limos of the rich could scale."

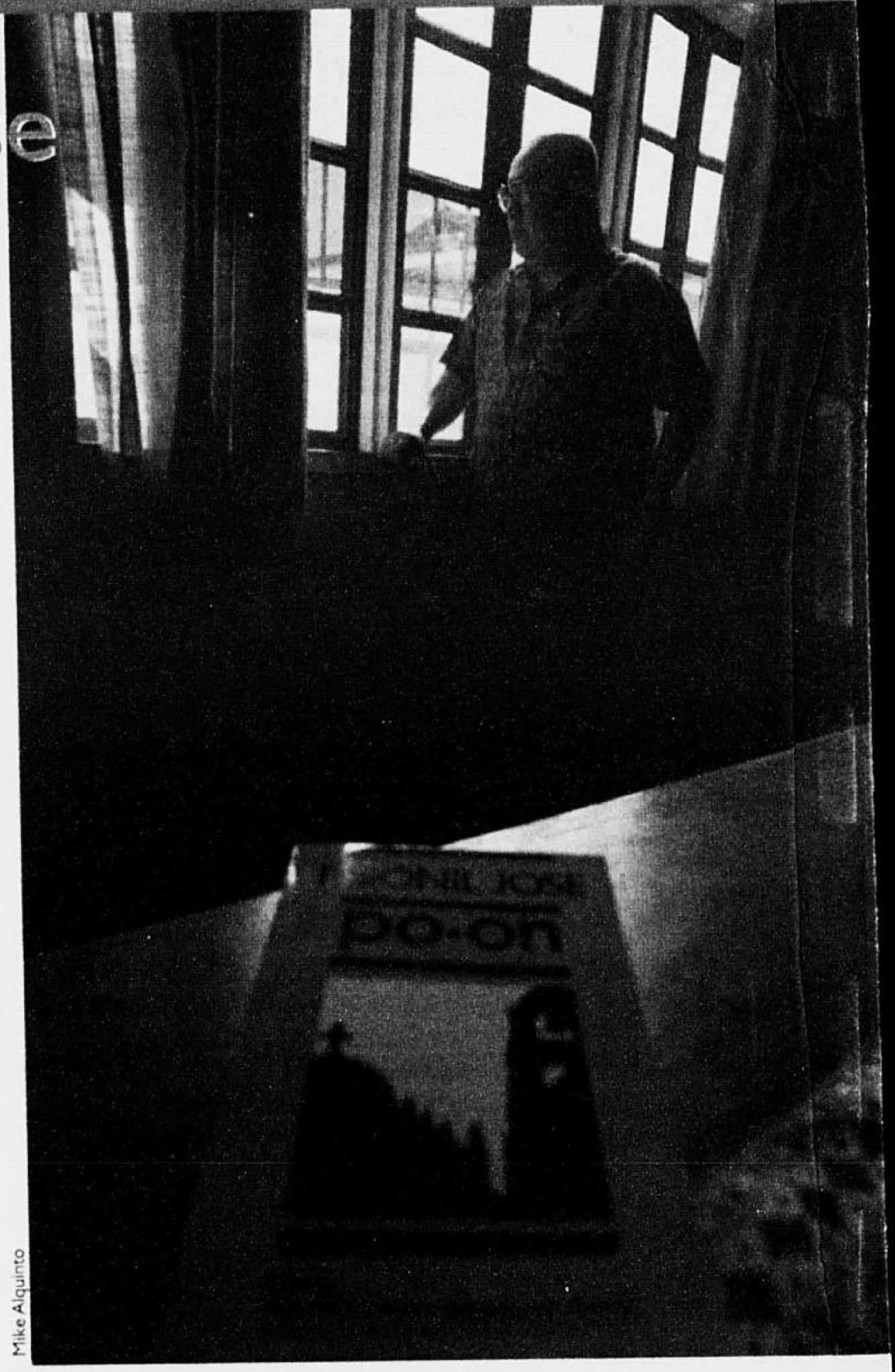
On N.V.M. Gonzales: "A fine writer, but his fiction is boring."

On communist writers and artists: "All art is propaganda, but not all propaganda is art."

On his alleged gay bashing: "If you are a cultural worker, you cannot avoid gay company—they possess great aesthetic sensibility. What I resent are gay writers flaunting their sexual preference as if it's the rationale for being writers, that they are good because they are gay."

On his alleged anti-Chinese bigotry: "Some anti-Filipino Chinese attacked me when I wrote about them. Now look at the low-life Chinese around Estrada, the cronies who brought him down. After Estrada, what then?"

Barring his most vituperative views on Philippine society and politics, it is undoubtedly Jose's caustic comments on other artists that exasperate his critics and enemies. Some targets of his criticism are themselves National Artists, such as Villa, Locsin and Gonzales. One member of the Committee on Peers of the National Artist Awards, which debated on whom to nominate to the CCP-NCCA board, was bitter when the majority voted for Jose. "I just can't accept that he will now be joining the company of those whom he has derided," he said.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Jose's critics constantly harp on his alleged penchant for disrespecting the dead. They cite his criticisms of Locsin's architecture, Villa's poetry, and Gonzales's fiction when the three artists are no longer around to defend their works. Actually Jose had been saying those things even before the three died; in fact, he repeated his criticisms when they passed away and his views sounded like discordant music amid the symphony of praises showered on the deceased.

It is also said that Jose tends to overreach and pontificate on matters he is not competent in. But his wide training as a journalist, his travels, and his contacts have endowed Jose with a comprehensive knowledge that makes him something of a Renaissance man in an age of tawdry specialization. As editor and publisher of the defunct Solidarity magazine, one of the few truly regional publications during its time, and owner of Solidaridad Bookstore, where he hosts cocktails and meetings for important social and cultural movers in and out of the country, Jose has been an unparalleled cultural dynamo.

Jose has also been accused of being a CIA agent. This has arisen from a 1967 report that an American foundation funding his Solidarity magazine was receiving funds from the Central Intelligence Agency. When the report was made public and he was accused of being a CIA agent, he protested his innocence, sued for libel, and won.

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BOOK SHO

Jose has also been accused of being a windbag and a publicity hound. He admits to the first and denies the second. "All writers are conceited," he said. "They will not be artists if they are not. But look carefully at my books, I don't have my picture in them. I don't appear in TV talk shows. I want to be celebrated but I don't want to be a celebrity. I want to go around anonymous."

Perhaps the most scathing criticism is the one questioning the literary merit of Jose's writings. The criticism harps on Jose's alleged "inelegant English" and "bumpy prose" as well as his alleged simplistic stories and stereotypical characterization. The first criticism is perhaps made by instructors in Expository Writing and English as Second Language who cannot accept that in a globalized setting, there are as many varieties of English as there are roses.

Jose is both defiant and humble about his prose. "Ask Random House, my foreign publisher, to confirm that (poor English)," he said. "*Inggit lang sila.* They (critics) take potshots but they never really deal with my text. I once told some young punks at UP who were lambasting Nick (Joaquin) that if they had written even just one-tenth of what Nick had, then they would have a real right to criticize him."

But Jose admits his writing is not perfect. "I regard my work with great humility, that it is never good enough," he said. "I rewrite and rewrite, agonize over words, sentences. Even when my book is already on its nth printing, I still try to improve it. Do you know when the rice stalk has grain, it bends? The rice stalk with no grain stands firm and straight."

Jose's English is the product of his American-based public schooling in the North (he is thankful for the Americans for introducing the public school system: "If not for the Americans, I would have been a dirt-poor farmer in the Ilocos, toiling and tilling the land," he said—spoken like a true "Amboy"). His English is as much a product of his Catholic college training at the University of Santo Tomas, where his talents thrived under the encouragement of the scholarly Dominican Fr. Juan Labrador and the fictionist Paz Latorena, one of the foremost pens among the first generation of Filipinos writing in English. It is also a product of his many years in journalism, during which he wrote award-winning muckraking reports on land reform and social issues always under deadline heat.

Above all, Jose's English is the product of his Ilocano roots. Unique among writers in English, Jose's prose breathes the air and spirit of his region, distinguished by its parched earth, its hardy people, its coruscating enigma. Most writers in English obscure or even banish their roots in "elegant" prose that is as polished as anything written by E.B. White or Catherine Cookson, but is otherwise as lifeless — and geography-lost — as anything written by literary parrots and apes. In contrast, Jose writes again and again in a fashion true to his roots and soul. Consider the lyrical opening of "Po-on," the first in chronology of his masterly Rosales Saga:

"Dusk is the day's most blessed hour; it is the time when the spirits of darkness drift slowly down the bright domain. The acacia leaves droop, the fowl stop their cackling and fly to the boughs of the guava trees to roost, and as the light starts to fade and the shapes of trees and houses and even the motion of people seem shrouded with darkness, the essence of time, of change, and the brevity of life itself is realized at last."

The passage is remarkable for its long but unlabored sentences, its picturesque economy, and its native philosophy that speaks of truths beyond the gloss and polish of elegant English. "I belong to the English tradition because I write in English," Jose said, "but my tradition, too, is my village, the Ilocanos, and this unhappy country we call Filipinas."

The sometimes conversational, sometimes hortatory, sometimes lyrical quality of his prose fully fleshes out his protagonists and character, easily the most memorable in Philippine fiction regardless of language. Consider Jose Samson, the youth revolutionary struggling against illegitimacy in "Mass":

"My name is Samson. I have long hair, but there is nothing symbolic or biblical about it; most people my age just have it as a matter of inclination, and nobody really cares. My long hair is a form of self-expression, of a desire to conform, to be with them . . . I desire to be anonymous, to be simply me whom nobody knows, for this me, this Jose Samson, is a no-good plastic that should be burned or buried under tons of scum. But plastic seems to survive all sorts of punishment. Please, I have self respect . . . But this is how I was, this is what I am, how Mother knows me, and cutting my hair would not erase my stigma, my shame, or dim the glaring blunders of my past."

It is perhaps fine passages like this that moved Random House to publish Jose in the United States. His editor at Random is Samuel S. Vaughan, the editor of William Brinkley and former president of Doubleday. "He was presented with my work by one of my readers, former Harvard professor Stephen Haggard. It is that simple," he said. In France, Fayard publishes Jose after the novelist Ghislain Ripault, husband of Amina Said, Jose's translator, recommended him to the famous publishing house. "My getting translated into so many languages was not really my effort. My foreign publishers sought me out," the novelist said. "I think what is important for our writers is to write the best they can, get published in the Philippines in any manner. And if they are good, their work will be noticed. The main problem is how to be excellent."

Beyond the writing desk, Jose is a tireless teacher and grand uncle to student journalists and writers, always invoking ethics in writing. "The most important function of a writer is to give his readers and people memory," he told one student gathering. At the UST Center for Creative Writing and Studies where he is senior associate together with Cirilo Bautista, he complains about too much emphasis in writing workshops on technique. "Literature is not just storytelling and beautiful phrases," he said. "Most important, it is a tool for promoting ethics."

Although Jose has expressed his wish "to get away from too much social criticism," he is fated to write the definitive novels that will crystallize the sad Philippine experience of hope and betrayal. He is writing simultaneously two novels: one, titled "Ben Singkol," is a serious-comic parable of a man's search for integrity, and the other is about Artemio Ricarte, the Katipunan revolutionary who became a Japanese collaborator. "In this novel I aim to answer some of the questions raised by collaboration with the enemy," he said. "How about collaboration with Filipino leaders who are corrupt, who plundered the nation? Marcos specifically?"

Jose at 76 is also fated to be read, enjoyed and feted. When he received recently a knighthood from the French government, he said in the awarding, "I am tempted to paraphrase Groucho Marx. He had just received an award from the French government and was asked by Esquire what he thought of the award. Groucho Marx replied: 'I will give it up for just one erection.'" He later told Ambassador Gilles Chouraqui: " I wish the award went with one roast duck."

Jose is also fated to receive the National Artist Award. No Filipino writer in the last half-century has written as consistently, as prodigiously, and as passionately as he has about Filipino anguish and aspiration. It would be a tragedy of the proportion that usually attends his protagonists if he were denied the one award that would crown his achievements as conscience of the Filipino nation. He himself would surely add his defeat to his list of disappointments. "I am just a Filipino," he said, "a writer who likes comforts, who tried to move a mole hill, and failed."

(Some quotations came from an unpublished recent interview of F. Sionil Jose by Ma. Elena G. Luna.)

First Person

by Vicky Veloso-Barrera

This writer discovered that caring for a houseful of orphans can be an organizational challenge – and great preparation for her own motherhood

Feeding Babies

I HAVE AN EASY TIME FEEDING MY CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY EAT ALMOST ANYTHING. BUT JOSHUA AND HANNAH WERE NOT THE FIRST BABIES I'VE FED; BEFORE I WAS MARRIED, I SPENT A FEW MONTHS LIVING WITH TWO DOZEN SMALL CHILDREN. MY BRITISH FRIENDS ERNIE AND SHIRLEY FABLE RAN AN ORPHANAGE IN PARAÑAQUE AND NEEDED AN OIC FOR A MONTH WHILE THEY WENT BACK TO ENGLAND TO RAISE THE MONEY NEEDED TO KEEP THE PLACE GOING. I HAD NO EXPERIENCE IN CARING FOR CHILDREN BUT I COULD TAKE A MONTH OFF FROM WORK AND I COULD DRIVE, A REAL NECESSITY IN A HOME FILLED WITH POTENTIALLY SICKLY CHILDREN.

There was a daily schedule to follow, with the help of about 10 caregivers — baths, breakfast, devotions, snacks, playtime, lunch, and naps before their play period. Then dinner, evening baths, and prayers before being put to bed. The staff, always less than what we would have liked, was divided into shifts, and the children into three age groups.

Aside from supervising all this, I had to take sick children to the doctor, buy medicines and supplies, pick up the mail, go to the bank, handle the accounting, entertain visitors, and screen children who were in need of temporary shelter. Together with our fulltime social worker, I had to take children to court to get their adoption papers in order. Not listed in this job description were sorting out squabbles or standing in for the staff when there just wasn't enough manpower to go around.

During my first year of volunteering, we had a wonderful cook named Jenny. On her day off, I would rotate the caregivers for cooking chores. There were some girls who could make our meager rations taste good, and terrible ones who burnt the food or served the one and only dish they knew how to cook over and over again.

When I was first stationed at the orphanage, I found that Jenny had to make do with an incredibly tiny marketing budget. There were almost 30 full-grown appetites, as small children's appetites are anything but small. I believe at the time (1997), the weekly budget for food was something like P 1,500. Try to feed 30 physically taxed people breakfast, lunch and dinner for a week (not to mention having something on hand for snacks) on that amount for seven days.

Once a week, off I would go in the orphanage's van to the market — not a problem as I love the markets. In the beginning, I let Jenny do all the ordering and I just paid, because I didn't know how much *sayote*, potatoes or meat were needed for a week. The vendors assumed I owned a restaurant. I would park the van on Lion's Club Road and then we would walk to the market, but on the way back after everything had been bought we were always staggering under the weight of those *bayongs*.

Once home Jenny always cooked the most perishable items first. We had simple food like fried fish, *pinakbet* and all these specialties of the provinces where the staff came from. The children usually had meat boiled with some veggies, which was then pureed for the benefit of the smaller ones. I can easily do that, I thought.

The first time, I just put some small pieces of meat and veggies in water and let it boil till tender. The children refused to eat it. I hadn't seasoned the food, thinking in my ignorance that small people require only bland food innocent of salt and other evil additives. What I quickly learned is that even little people have a palate, and they don't have to eat anything that tastes of nothing to them. Taking a tip from one of the caregivers, I began to start my *nilagas* off with a saute of garlic, onions and tomatoes. I also bought a few Knorr cubes and sneaked them into my *nilagas* to make them more tasty.

We did have some treats from time to time — sometimes companies would come over and hold children's parties. We knew this doctor from our church who offered to check all the children for free if I could just bring them over to his hospital in Silang, Cavite. So I took the children in two batches, and not only did he diagnose the children and provide then with free medicine: he fed us a handsome lunch of *bulalo* as well.

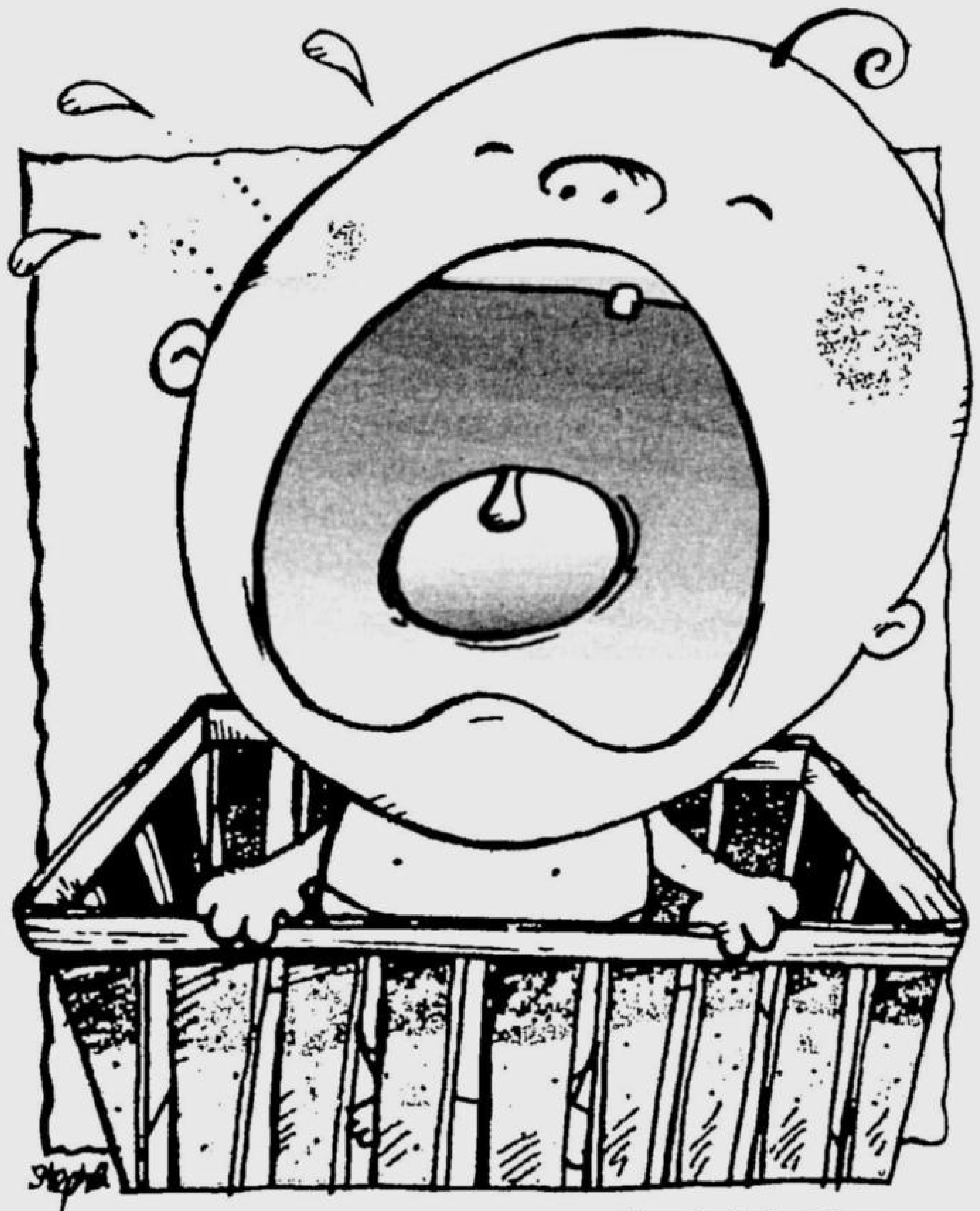

Illustration by Steph Bravo

Today I have my son Joshua, turning two next month, and our daughter Hannah is four months old. Now I realize I couldn't have helped out at the orphanage if I hadn't been single at the time. Ever since I had my first baby, I find myself, as other new mothers do, particularly sensitive to anything bad happening to children. Visiting the orphanage again after Joshua was born, I find myself shuddering when I saw babies with bones broken from a parent's abuse, or whose limbs were gnawed by rats, or whose poor health was an indication of the mother's lack of pre-natal care and adequate nutrition. Back then, I saw all sorts of little horror stories around me and it didn't bother me one bit. Today I see the children born out of incest, or those with physical deformities because of a mother's attempted abortion, with different eyes. It will be a very long time before I can ever volunteer to spend time there again.

In the meantime, I have my children to feed. I hope I never forget to season their food! And sometimes I wonder what has become of all those children who were once under my care. All of them have since been adopted and live either in Europe or America. Did I add a bit of seasoning to their lives, contributing for a brief spell my own unique flavor to the orphanage when I lived there, just as they certainly seasoned mine?

Author's note: The orphanage in this story is the Shalom "Bata" Rescue Centre, located at 61 Washington Street, Merville, Paranaque. This is now a bigger home housing 35 children. If you would like to contact the Fables and find out what they need, please call 8212661 or 8212671.

The Word

by Fr. Ruben J. Villote

Puroy on Our Mind

What was really on the minds of the masses who trooped to Mendiola, looking for a fight? The problem is much deeper than it seems, says this writer, who knows what it was like growing up among Manila's urban poor

DURING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NO-NONSENSE COMMITMENT OF THE TWO GOOD SHEPHERD NUNS (EMMA ALDAY AND ISING LAGAHIT) TO LIVE AS FARMERS AMONG FARMERS IN BEHIA, TIAONG, ED DE LA TORRE SHARED THE DISTURBING REFLECTIONS OF A CERTAIN ERIC GUTIERREZ (LONDON) ON PUROY, A TRUE-TO-LIFE SYMBOL OF THE YOUNG FILIPINO *MASA* ON EDSA AND MENDIOLA LAST MAY 1. PLEASE READ IT WITH A HEART OF FLESH AND EMAIL YOUR RESPONSE TO ME SO I CAN SHARE YOUR "HEART" WITH MY READERS IN MY NEXT PUROY MEDITATIONS.

May kaibigan akong nagkuwento sa akin na naiyak raw siya nang ma-*reclaim* ang Edsa at magmisa doon si Cardinal Sin. Habang pumapailanlang ang *sermon*, hindi raw niya maialis-alis sa isipan niya ang sangkatutak na mababahong *urban poor* at mga adik na nagkalat doon bago pumunta at nagwala sa Mendiola. Nanunuot daw sa ilong ang bahong iniwan nila. Hindi niya maintindihan kung ano ang naramdaman niya sa oras na iyon.

Tinitingnan ko yung litrato ng mga masang ito, na inilagay sa *Internet* ng AP at Reuters. Gaya ng kaibigan ko, napakahirap ipaliwanag ng nararamdaman ko ngayon. Sabi ni Cardinal Sin, kaawaan daw ang mga masang maka-Estrada dahil hindi nila alam ang ginagawa nila. Pero mas si Cardinal Sin ang kinaaawaan ko.

Para sa mga masang "mababaho," mas panghihinayang ang nararamdaman ko. Sayang at walang mga aktibistang nandoon sa harapan nila. Sayang at pangalan ni Erap ang isinisigaw nila. Sayang at mga katulad lang ni Enrile, Jayvee at Brenda yung nandoon sa entablado na nagsalita sa kanila. Sayang na yung mga tulad nating "progresibo" at mga "abanteng puwersa ng lipunan" ay hindi nila kasama ngayong natutunan nilang ilabas 'yung galit nila.

'Pag ganitong sitwasyon, hindi ko maiwasang maging personal. Gaya ni Joel ay nagagalit din ako. Pero iba ang dahilan. Ang nabubuong larawan sa isipan ko nang pinagmamasdan ko ang mga litrato ng AP at Reuters ay yung mga nakalakhang kong mga kapitbahay na iskwater doon sa Kamuning. Mga mokong na gaya ni Oging Pogi (na hindi naman pogi) o ni Joseng Kabise (namatay sa alak). Naalala ko rin si Emily Landi (ke bata-bata, naging puta), si Berting Tattoo (labas-pasok sa Quezon City Jail), si Tanleng Kulane (trabahador sa Manila Bay Spinning Mills, naging unyonista, natanggal sa trabaho). Naalala ko rin si Puroy, anak ni Kabise, lumaking araw-araw yata ay binubugbog ng tatay niya. Hindi ko maialis-alis sa isipan ko ang itsura ni Puroy, payat na batang pandak, me uhog na pinahid sa pisngi, walang *t-shirt*, butas ang lumang *short*, maraming sugat sa likod, at may bitbit na dalawang timba ng tubig na ipapaligo sa tatay niyang lango sa kalasingan. Nang mamatay si Kabise, naiwan si Puroy sa lola niyang si Nana Sedes, *alcoholic* din 'pag may pera, ginagawang kape sa umaga ang isang *stainless* na bilog.

Mob rules: When morals become irrelevant

Malaki na ngayon si Puroy, ang huli kong balita ay kargador sa palengke. Ang daming pinagdaanang hirap ng batang ito, lumaking hiyang sa kapaitan, at pinagdamutan na yata ng lahat ng puwedeng ipagdamot sa kanya. Mukha ni Puroy ang nakikita ko doon sa mga itsurang nasa litrato. Sa totoo lang, hindi ako magugulat kung siya ay makikita ko doon sa harapan ng madugong sagupaan sa Mendiola. Hindi ako magtataka kung gagawin niyang bala ang sarili sa isang gulo na kailanman ay hindi ibabalik sa kanya ang kabataang hindi niya naranasan. Hindi rin ako magugulat kung si Erap ang pipiliin niyang mahalin at hindi si Crispin Beltran.

Sayang talaga. Sayang talaga. Kung nandoon man siya sa harapan ng Mendiola dahil sa kanyang kamangmangan, hindi ko siya sisisihin gaya ng ginagawa ng marami ngayon. Sino ba talaga ang nakakaintindi ng tunay na kahulugan ng kahirapan — tayong mga nagde-debate sa Internet, mga nakapag-aral at nakakarating sa kung saan-saang bansa, o yung mga tulad ni Puroy na hindi na makikita kailanman ang tunay nilang mga sariling pinapangit ng kapaitan?

Kung sakaling umuwi ako sa Pilipinas at makita ko si Puroy, sasabihin ko sa kanya ang totoong nasa loob ko — may simpatiya ako para sa kanya, pero wala para sa idolo niyang si Erap. Sasabihin ko sa kanyang "Oo, may karapatan kang magalit at naiintindihan ko kung bakit ka nagagalit." Pero igigiit ko rin sa kanya na hindi na puwedeng ibalik si Erap, na kailangang panagutan ni Erap ang mga "kasalanan" niya.

Kapag tinanong ako ni Puroy kung bakit si Erap lang ang idinikdik at hindi ang ibang mga pulitikong mas malalaki pa ang kasalanan, simple lang ang isasagot ko sa kanya: "Nadidikdik si Erap dahil nahuli siya; hindi kasi siya nag-ingat kaya kinainggitan siya; umabuso kasi siya at naging sugapa; nagkamali siya at nagpahuli, at dahil doon kailangan niyang panagutan ang kamaliang ito." Nakikita kong kukunot ang noo ni Puroy, mag-iisip, pero palagay ko sa huling banda ay rerespetuhin niya ang pananaw kong ito. Sisimangot siya, pero hindi magagalit kahit naging magkaiba ang aming pananaw.

Naging magnanakaw si Puroy kaya maiintindihan niya ang sagot kong ito. Sa kumplikadong mundo ni Puroy, mahirap sabihin kung sino ang mali o tama, kung alin ang masama o mabuti. Halimbawa, hindi niya masasabing masama ang maging puta, dahil ang nanay niya ay puta — at ang nanay niyang ito ay taong nagmahal sa kanya nang totoo. Hindi rin niya masasabi na ang nagsisimba ay mabuting tao. Doon sa lugar namin sa Kamuning, karamihan sa mga taong nagsisimba at yung mga mababangong parang basura ang trato sa kanila ng mga iskwater.

Ibang-iba ang mundo ni Puroy sa mundo nating mga nakatuntong ng pag-aaral. Kung minsan ay baliktad, madalas ay baluktot. Wala kang paniniwalaan kung sino ang tama o mali. Basta't gawin mo ang kailangan mong gawin, huwag ka lang pahuhuli. Ganyan ang lohika ng buhay nila. Huwag nating hanapin sa kanila, gaya ng ginagawa ni Joel, ang lohika ng ating "moralidad"— ang moralidad ng mga may matuwid na buhay.

Kung ikaw si Puroy, masasabi mo bang masamang mambato ng pulis, mang-agaw ng batuta, lumusob sa Malakanyang? Masasabi mo bang masama ang manakot ng reporter or magsunog ng sasakyang media na walang ginawa kundi ulit-ulitin ang insultong ibinabato sa tulad niyang mahirap?

Ang sagot siguro diyan ay depende kung saan ka nagmumula. Kung tingin mo ay lehitimo ang gobyerno ni Arroyo, masamang gawin ang mga bagay na 'yan. Kung nandoon ka sa bakod na kinabibilangan ni Cardinal Sin, kahit hindi mo siya kasundo, masamang manira at manggulo sa Edsa at Mendiola.

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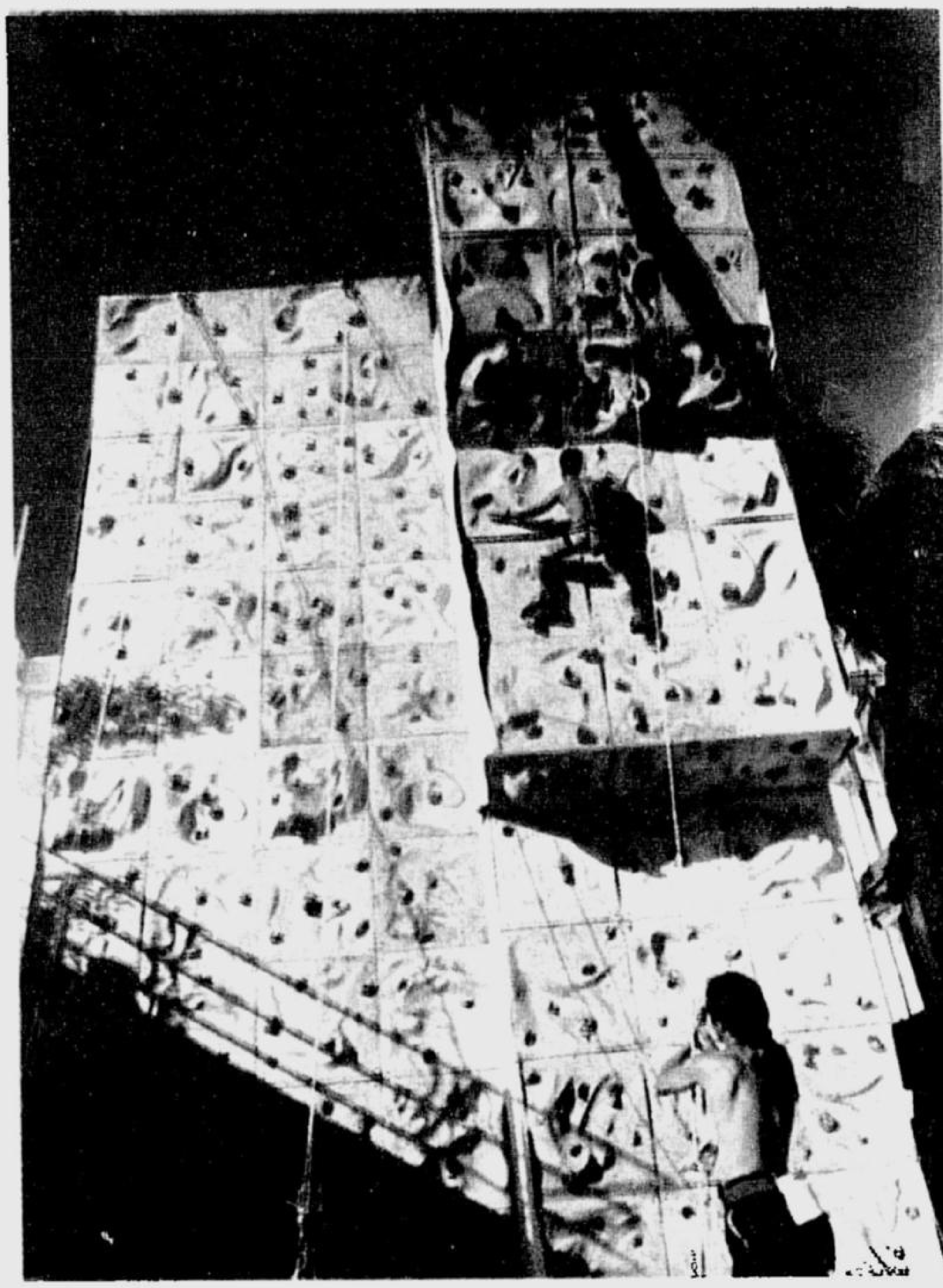
Netizens

by Cora Llamas

Web of Adventure

Jonas Paw and the energetic Teamexplore gang show websurfers the fun, challenging way to travel, Philippine style



THERE HAD TO BE MORE TO PINOY TRAVEL ASIDE FROM TRAIPSING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, VISITING THE SAME OLD TOURIST SPOTS OR FROLICKING ON THE BEACH. JONAS PAW, THIRTYSOMETHING YUPPIE-TRAVELER AND GRANDSON OF TRAVEL AGENTS, FOUND IT IN ADVENTURE TRAVEL; THE ROUGH-AND-TUMBLE KINDS OF SPORTS THAT SHAPE YOUR MUSCLES, CHALLENGES YOUR COURAGE, AND BRINGS YOU TO PLACES NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

Ultimately, it's the chance to be part of that awesome landscape we relish seeing in the cable programs of Discovery Channel and the National Geographic Channel. And do it somewhere near to boot: plunging down the roaring rivers of Palawan on a hard raft, witnessing the closest thing to the moon's lunar terrain by walking the slopes of the lahar-ravaged Mt. Pinatubo and exploring the seas via diving off the pristine beaches of Boracay. And that's just for starters.

It's only recently that adventure travel has begun picking up. These adventurers are generally 25-35 year-old professionals eager to take a break from the corporate grind. At the same time, they don't want to spend their whole vacation time doing nothing by lying down on a beach.

Paw, with a group of dedicated, travel-loving friends, decided to make it easier for themselves by listing all the travel adventure sports on one website. Teamexplore.com, probably one of the first interactive sites focusing on Philippine adventure travel, was launched during the first half of 2000.

"Most of the travel sites online are just about leisurely sightseeing. They're not really into adventure. We are, and we plan to carve a niche."

"We don't just stick to the famous spots. Our job is to explore new places that people can go to"

Jonas Paw offers on-line challenges; above right, climbing a rock in Boracay

Teamexplore
in the web
of adventure travel

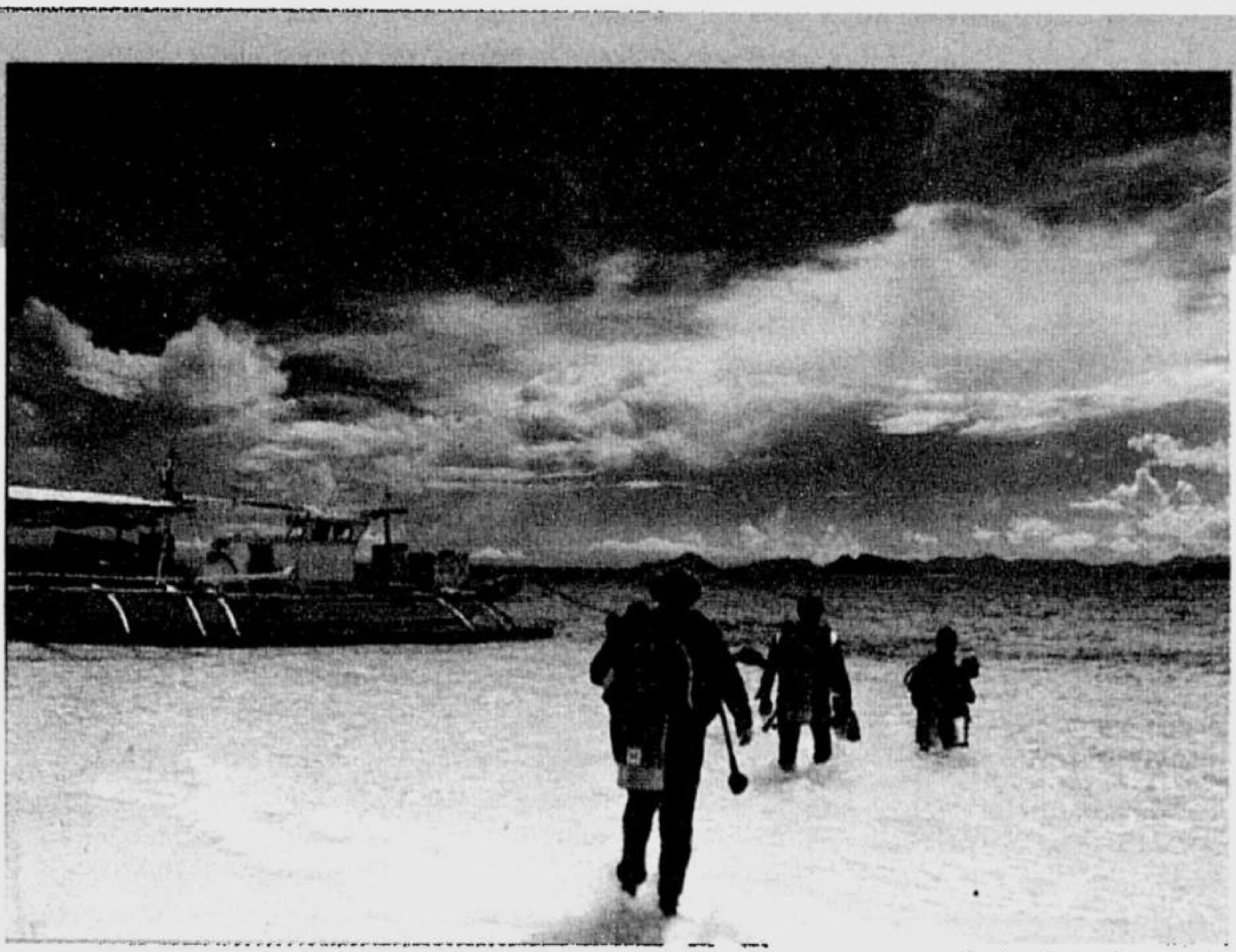
Randy Hormillosa

"The most popular sports are kayaking, scuba diving and river rafting," enumerates Paw, "but people are also getting into mountain trekking and climbing. They like to ride on boats that take them down waterfalls. The deep-sea scuba divers enjoy the thrill of seeing wrecks in places like Coron. And then, of course, there are a lot of wonderful sights that you can just observe. For some, nothing beats the surfacing of the whale shark in Sorsogon."

Paw handles sales and product development, while buddies Norman Grante takes care of software development and Stephanie Yabut is in charge of marketing. What makes up the core of Teamexplore, however, is the company's energetic, driven group of young writers. Travelers at heart, they're the eyes and ears of the site and its visitors. They go out to the scenic spots, kayaking and climbing, and then write about their experiences and upload them on the website. A fresh batch of articles goes up at least once or twice a month. "We just don't stick to the famous spots," Paw says. "Our job is to explore new places that people can go to. Our writers keep breaking new ground, looking for areas that may not be as famous, but do have a lot to offer."

The content and navigation of the Teamexplore.com site were designed to be user-friendly. The main section focuses on favorites like Mt. Banahaw, Boracay and Taal Lake. Generally, they describe the attractions of those scenic spots, the available adventure activities and the corresponding costs.

Eight areas are currently highlighted on site: Aklan, Bicol, Bohol, Cebu, Manila, Mindoro, Palawan and Subic. Several links immediately click on to the descriptions, itineraries, requirements and ex-



Scuba divers discover the underwater world in Boracay

penses involved in the following adventure activities: caving, cultural tours, diving, horseback riding, kayaking, mountain biking, mountain climbing, rafting, rock climbing, sailing, surfing, trekking and wildlife encounters, among others.

Every brief but detailed article informs the would-be traveler on important item he needs to know about the given sport. Offsite, the company coordinates the travel arrangements of interested parties, and offers seasoned tour guides to accompany them.

The 21-foot spacious Sports Cruiser that takes you around Taal Lake for two days comes equipped with a filled 68-quart cooler, five life jackets, five tents, and six package meals to be served in the nearby club with modern facilities. All for just US$110.

Teamexplore.com intentionally uses foreign rates to reach out to expatriates and *balikbayans* curious and willing to see the unexplored parts of the Philippines.

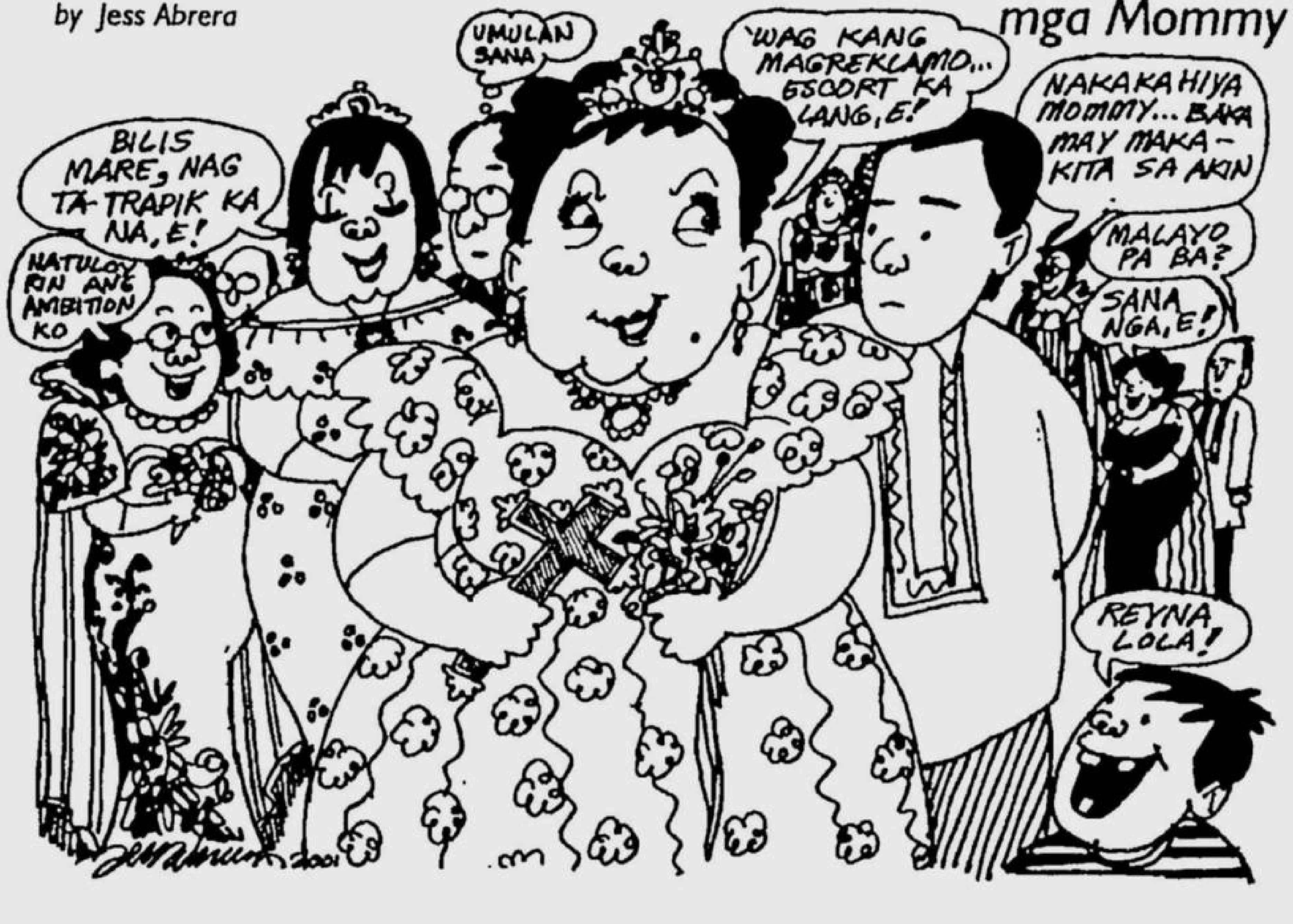
"Awareness of the adventure travel spots in the country is our first agenda, as of now," Paw concedes. "There are a lot of interesting places and things you can do here. Mt. Banahaw and its mystique, for example, are an experience in itself. Foreigners have heard so much of Boracay and are coming here to visit it—but there are other beaches we hope they would see.

"When you think about it, Teamexplore.com is not just simply about adventure travel. We are promoting the Philippines."

Pinoy NGA!

by Jess Abrera

Santacruzan ng mga Mommy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THE WORD...from page 13

Alam niya at naiintindihan ni Puroy ang trabaho ng nanay niya. Pero huwag na huwag mong babastusin ito sa harapan niya. Sasaksakin ka niya sa lalamunan 'pag sinabi mong walang kuwentang tao ang nanay niya.

Ito lang ang nakikita kong paliwanag kung bakit nagwala si "Puroy" nang arestuhin si Erap. Kabastusan ang nangyari sa pag-aresto kay Erap. Susuko naman pala, nagpadala pa ng sangkatutak na pulis. Hiniling ng pamilya na huwag papasukin ang media pag kinunan siya ng *mug shot* at pinag-"pyano." Pero ayun, laman ng INQUIRER yung litrato ng isang nakayuko at malungkot na Erap habang nagpa-"pyano." Hanggang sa loob ng kartel niya, may *cameraman*. Ipinakita siyang nagtatanggal ng sapatos, nagkakamot ng tiyan, naglilinis ng ilong.

Alam ni "Puroy" ang lahat ng katiwaliang ginawa ni Erap — pero gaya ng nanay niyang puta, huwag na huwag mong babastusin ang "presidente" niya sa harapan niya. Kaya ayun, nagmartsa ang mga "Puroy" sa Edsa. Ipinakita, inilabas ang kanilang galit. Ano ang nangyari? Karagdagang insulto. Mga bobo daw sila, mga mangmang, bayaran, *rent-a-crowd*.

Ano ang ginawa ng gobyerno? Ni hindi sila binigyan ng pansin. Ang pansin ng gobyerno ay itinutok doon sa mga komikong pulitikong nasa entablado, hindi sa nagkalat na mga Puroy. Ano ang ginawa ng simbahan? Pinagalitan sila. Ano ang ginawa ng media? Inulit-ulit ang insulto, hindi sila pinansin at sinabing kakaunti lang daw sila.

Ngayong natapos na ang labanan, ano ang sinasabi ni Joel at ng marami pang iba na tulad niya? "Bulag na pag-idolo, hibang na kamusmusan, karampot na katalinuhan, kawalan ng pang-unawa, udyok na ma-TV, walang ibang magawa, na sinapian ng panunulsol at salapi ng mga *political gangster* ni Erap ... yan at wala nang iba pa ang naging mitsa sa kaguluhang naganap sa Mendiola at J. P. Laurel kaninang umaga..."

Totoong nakakamuhi ang nangyari, ang ginawa nilang panggugulo. Pero tuwing naaalala ko si Puroy, na maaaring isa siya sa mga nanggulong ito, mas naiintindihan ko kung bakit umabot sa ganito ang mga pangyayari.

Hindi ko masabing ito ay "bulag na pag-iidolo, na ito ay hibang na kamusmusan o udyok na ma-TV." Alam ni Puroy kung ano ang ginagawa niya. Tao si Puroy — masasaktan pag sinuntok mo, matatakot pag tinakot mo, magtitiwala pag pinagtiwalaan mo. Sabihin nyo nang masama ang ginawa ni "Puroy" (ayon sa pananaw ninyong nandiyan sa bahaging yan ng bakod). Pero matinding pakiusap ko lang sana, huwag nyong ikaila ang pagkatao niya. Binato ni Puroy ang Malakanyang, sinipa niya ang kawawang pulis, sinunog niya ang sasakyan, hindi dahil *robot* siya na nasulsulan lang ni Enrile. May mas malalim siyang dahilan. At iyan ang matagal na niyang gustong sabihin, pero hindi natin pinapansin.

Hindi galing sa "liberalismo" ang pagtingin kong ito. Bagkus, si Joel ang nanlilimahid sa liberalismo dahil ipinapataw niya ang "standards" ng kanyang moralidad sa mga "bayarang" ito. Ginawa niya silang isang "abstraktong" konsepto — isang bugkos ng mga taong walang mukha, walang kamalayan, walang personalidad. Tinanggal niya si Puroy sa kontekstong kinalakihan niya, sa mga pangyayaring humubog sa kanya, at sabay binagsakan ng isang walang kasimpait na hatol na mangmang, bobo, bayaran, adik.

Ngayon ko lang lubos na naintindihan yung sinabi ng isang guro ko, na "*Morals are what the powerful impose on those who have less power.*" Sige na nga ... mali na kung mali si Puroy.

Yung kaibigan kong naiyak sa Edsa, gusto ko sanang buskahin. Minsan ding sumamba sa rebolusyon ang kaibigan kong ito. Sasabihin ko sana sa kanya na habang tumutulo ang luha niya, kinanta sana niya yung isang awit ng mga "rebolusyonaryo"—"Ang masa, ang masa lamang, ang siyang tunay na bayani ... ang siyang tagapagligtas ... Ang masa, o ang masa, tagapaglikha ng kasaysayan!" Tapos, sasabihin ni Kardinal, "Aaaaaahhhhh-men."

Eric Gutierrez (London)

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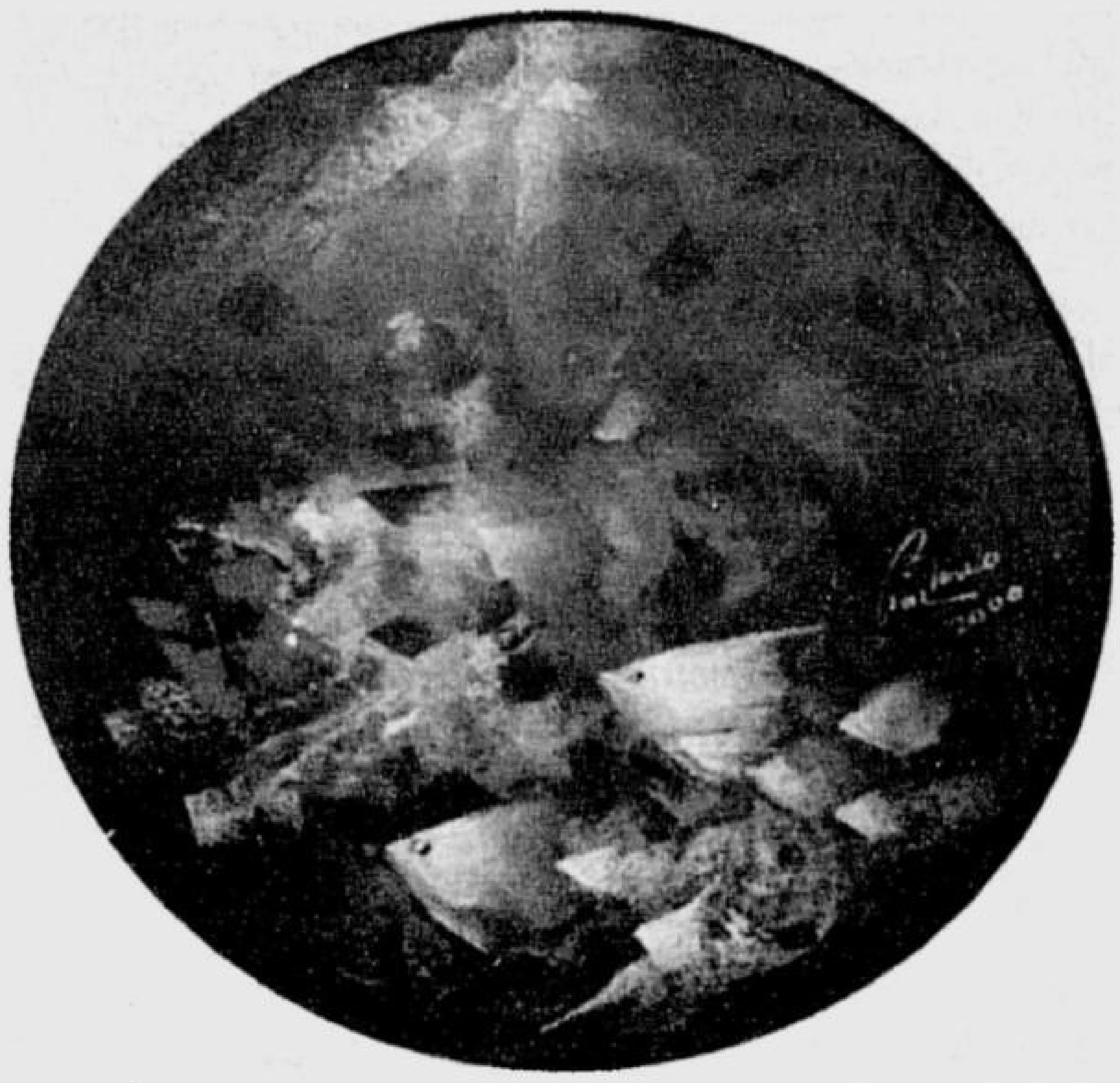
This Week

Art

Fast and Slow Paintings, Pep Manalang's two types of paintings in concurrent exhibits at Finale in Megamall, May 29-June 10, and at West Gallery at Glorietta, May 31-June 12. For details, call Finale (634-2411) or West (752-7028).

The **UST Atelier Advertising '66** is mounting a painting exhibit until May 31 at the Bahay Nakpil-Bautista, 432 Bautista St., Quiapo. The paintings feature national treasures like the Petroglyphs in Angono, Rizal, old houses in San Miguel, Bulacan, UST Arc of the Century, Garden in UP Chapel, and scenery in Real, Quezon.



"Twosome Journey III" by Rafael Pacheco, on exhibit at the SM Megamall

The Blue World of Pacheco, an exhibit of submarine seascapes, portraits, religious paintings and nudes by Rafael Pacheco with a daily schedule of workshops and lectures at the Pacheco Art Gallery, SM Megamall until June 2. For details, call 634-2422.

An exhibition of new works by **Arturo Luz** featuring the city, desert and imaginary temples and palaces at the Luz Gallery, Locsin Bldg. cor. Ayala and Makati Avenues, Makati City. Ongoing until June 21.

Painting With Light, Oliver Yu's first solo exhibit featuring works produced in a variety of media. Ongoing until May 31 at the Alcove Photo Gallery, Ayala Avenue, Makati.

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts Committee on Visual Arts invites all Filipino visual artists to present **self-portraits** to be exhibited during the National Visual Arts Congress from June 8 to 10. Deadline is on May 30. For inquiries, call 527-2209 or 05.

Music

Barbie's Cradle will perform at Nth Degree, Adriatico St., Malate on May 29 and at Jekle and Hyde, Taft May 31.

Siete Pecados Live! features Velocity and Flipside (Mondays and Wednesdays), Hyperbeat and Common Ground (Tuesdays), Hip2Soul and Arpie & D' Multivitamins (Thursdays), LADI and Flipside (Fridays), and Arpie & D' Multivitamins and Rubberband (Saturdays) at the Westin Philippine Plaza. For inquiries, call 551-5555 ext. 1231, 1232 and 5000.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : Makati (893-1844) QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)
- Mayric's (412-9430)

Onstage

"Accomplice," a hilarious thriller written by Rupert Holmes, goes onstage at the William J. Shaw Theater, Shangri-La Plaza until May 27, and at the Carlos P. Romulo Theater, RCBC Plaza, Makati City from May 31 until June 10. For details, call 633-4821 to 25.

Food

Thai Noodle Promotion, delicious Thai noodles with a selection of choice meat and seafood, available a la carte for lunch until May 31 at Dusit Hotel Nikko. For details, call 867-3333 ext. 3308.

Thien Duong Vietnamese Restaurant at Dusit Hotel Nikko features authentic **Vietnamese cuisine** in an elegant and classic atmosphere, open for lunch and dinner. For reservations, call 867-3333 ext. 3354.

Flores de Mayo at Bahia of the Hotel Inter-Continental Manila offers a dinner buffet of delicious Filipino fiesta food plus some special Asian dishes until May 31. For inquiries, call 819-0645.

Beck's Bar of Grand Boulevard Hotel holds **"Kapihan Turismo Sa Grand,"** the only Tourism oriented breakfast forum every Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For inquiries, call 526-8588 loc. 7227.

Giardino CoffeeShop at Bayview Park Hotel offers a tempting array of **native delicacies from different regions,** Mondays to Fridays, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., until the end of May. For inquiries and reservations, contact the F & B office at 526-1555.

Piquant Pigeon Special at the Holiday Inn Manila's Pavilion Court presents a variety of pigeon dishes especially prepared the genuine oriental way, available for lunch and dinner. For inquiries and reservations, call 526-1212 ext. 2303.

Have a limitless fill of dim sum with **"Mad about Dim Sum"** at the Westin Philippine Plaza's China Sea from Monday to Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For reservations, call 551-5555 ext. 1528.

Atbp

Gantimpala Theater Foundation will hold a recital featuring the combined classes of Children's Theater, Children's Ballet, and Street Jazz with Voice and Singing at the Storyland Theater, SM City Fairview, today at 2 p.m.

Norberto Roldan will hold a **Make-Your-Own-Amulet workshop** on June 9. The workshop is meant to allow the children to use their imagination in fashioning a special object which they will endow with creative powers. Open to kids ages 7 to 15. For details, call 631-2417.

Submissions are open for the upcoming **anthology of artistic and literary works** of any theme by La Sallian alumni and/or formerly Malate members and editors. Send all manuscripts with short biography to Ana Ablaza Baluyut at acablaza@hotmail.com in MS Word or Rich Text Format. Art works and illustrations must be in black and white. Deadline for submission is on July 30.

Photo Exhibit & Basic Mountaineering Course, AMCI (formerly Ayala Mountaineering Club Inc.) will hold its photo exhibit on May 28-June 1 at Glorietta 4 Cinema Area in line with its coming BMC training. For details, call 812-9385 and 752-7987.

All digital artists, graphic designers, webmasters are invited to join the **Annual Digital Art Competition** on June 14-17 at the Philippines Trade Training Center, Pasay City. For details, visit websites www.graphicexpo.com.ph, www.eArtPhilippines.com, or www.fmi.com.ph or call 896-0639 and 899-6893.

The first translation of Filipino literature into Finnish has just appeared in print, a collection of Filipino women's fiction beginning from the 1920s to the present. The anthology **"Firefly–Filipino Short Stories"** is published by a non-governmental organization in Finland with a grant from the Finnish government. Two Filipinos, Ateneo professor Edna Zapanta Manlapaz and writer Lakambini A. Sitoy were invited to the launch in Helsinki as resource persons.

Clean Body Clean Mind Health Fitness Center will conduct **classes on self-defense** open to women and children on June 2, 9, 16 and 23. The course will cover basic useful strikes, hand-to-hand defense, and other techniques. For inquiries and reservations, call 532-6395.

The Nihongo Center Foundation will hold elementary **Japanese language** classes every Monday and Wednesday, from June 4 to September 19 at the 3/F Dominion Bldg., 833 Arnaiz Ave., Makati City. For details, call 735-3179 and 892-4916 to 19.

Adarna House will hold a **Back to School Sale** of children's books until June 8. For inquiries, contact 372-3548 to 49 or email sales@adarna.com.ph.

Ayala Museum offers guided tours to the public on **63 dioramas featuring thousands of years of Philippine history** from Tuesdays to Saturdays. Guided tours in French, Chinese, Spanish, Mongolian, German, Japanese and English are also available. Call 812-1191 to 97 loc.111, 118 or 128 for inquiries.

"Your Guide to Pre-schools in Metro Manila," a handy book containing information that will assist parents in the crucial process of deciding the best pre-school for their precious toddler, is now available in leading bookstores.

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCAA) is now accepting **project proposals** for the National Arts Month 2002 conforming with the theme "New, Young and Experimental Art." For more information, call 527-2212 or 14.

AXN's program lineup for the month of June includes "Sheena" and "VIP" (Wednesdays, 10 p.m). "Magic Man" (June 1, 8 p.m.) and "Street Magic"(June 8, 8 p.m.) featuring David Blaine, "Cooking Master Boy" (Mondays to Fridays, 6 p.m.), and "Sakura Wars" (Mondays to Fridays, 6:30 p.m.).

"The Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal: A Light and Sound Presentation," a 30-minute dramatization of the most poignant moments of Rizal's final hours. Evening presentations are offered free from Wednesdays to Sundays at the Rizal Park.

The Bel-Air Village Association in Makati celebrates Pasinaya 2001 with the theme **"*Samu't Saring* Fiesta"** with an on-the-spot art competition, an acrobatic show, and bingo game today. For further details, contact 897-1856.

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NorthWind, Caraga's monthly lifestyle magazine based in Butuan City, features Bishop Juan de Dios Pueblos, the floating villages of Agusan Marsh, Bislig's best hotel, Surigao's underwater secrets, among others in its first edition. For subscription, contribution and advertising, call 342-1629.

Aninipot ("Fireflies in the City"), an occasional folio of journalism and literature, was launched last April 15 in Cagayan de Oro City with a thought-provoking paper on local governance, "We are the Grassroots" by Manny Valdehuesa. The publication is under the auspices of A Writing Room Project, a growing community of creative writers and journalists. For subscription, contribution and advertising, email at aninipot2001@lycos.com or visit #18, The Mailbox, Ground Floor, Carrasco Bldg., Pabayo-Cruz Taal Sts., Cagayan de Oro City.

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